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CANTON'S PLANS.

THE PROPOSED NORTHERN EXPEDITION.

TWO OBJECTIVES.

Reports are to hand from Canton in regard to the suggested military expedition against the North. It being stated that the plans are rapidly nearing completion.

In this connection, it is stated that orders have been given to the 20th Super-Disciplined Division, under Wong Pak-ling, to be in readiness for inspection at a moment's notice by General Chang Kih-shih. Since the troops of that Division are stationed at different points, the 2nd Regiment, which is at present quartered at Nam Tong, on the outskirts of Canton, will be inspected first, the other two regiments to be inspected by rotation, the 2nd Regiment then being sent out to temporarily relieve the regiments stationed outside.

It is further reported that since the return of the representative of Fong Poon-yan, Tupan of Kiangsi, a telegram has been received from Nanchang stating that the Kiangsi army against Wu Pei-fu is now being mobilized on the Hupeh frontier under the chief command of General Chang Chok-pun. The strength of this army is said to be three divisions. In view of this information, the recent council of the high military officers in Canton is said to have unanimously approved an early declaration of war against the Northern War Lords. Since then, four Russian officers have been assigned as military advisers to each of the six Army Corps.

Another report says that Mr. T. V. Sung, the Treasurer, has been ordered to set aside five million dollars for the exclusive use of the troops in the Northern campaign. This money is to be the reserve fund of the Army on active service. Funds are to be secured from the Land Office taxes, on a new scale of taxation, these to be entirely devoted to the requirements of the coming campaign.

Military circles state that in the campaign one Army Corps will be assigned for service in co-operation with General Tang Sang-che, Tupan of South Hunan, to attack Chao Hing-teh in the event of his refusing to carry out the agreement recently come to. The objective will be Wuchang. Two Army Corps are to be allotted to co-operate with Kiangsi, their objective also being Wuchang; while three Army Corps are designated to enter Fukien and Chekiang if Sun Chuan-fang comes into alliance with Feng Yu-hsiang and the Canton Government. Otherwise, the objective will be Nanking. Should these two objectives be attained, it is intended to convocate a National Convention for the purpose of forming a People's Government, deciding where the capital of the Republic shall be, and framing a Constitution.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER.

Rugby, March 8. Alan Cobham, who was to have left Cairo to-day for Sollum on his return to London, has been delayed by unfavourable weather, but hopes to proceed to-morrow. *British Wireless.*

EUROPEANS INJURED IN ACCIDENTS.

LADY THROWN OUT OF RICKSHA.

POLICE SERGEANT HURT.

Mrs. Staple, the wife of Mr. K. K. Staple, an overseer of the Public Works Department, was injured yesterday by being thrown out of a ricksha in Queen's Road East when the vehicle came into collision with a motor car.

The chauffeur has since made a report to the police that the accident occurred when he swerved to one side of the road to avert a collision with another car which had overtaken and passed ahead of him. The second car did not stop after the accident.

Mrs. Staple was not seriously injured, though the force of the impact could be judged by the fact that one of the wheels of the ricksha was smashed. Mrs. Staple was taken in the car to the Naval Hospital where her injuries were attended to.

SERGEANT INJURED.

Sergeant Simpson, the Police footballer, was injured in an accident brought about in a curious way, in the New Territories yesterday. It appears that while driving his motor cycle and sidecar on the road between Sheung-shui and Lok-machau, he overtook a bus, from which a bamboo pole protruded. The sharp end of this pole caught him in the side and caused a rather serious wound which has necessitated the Sergeant's removal to hospital.

MISSING DEBTOR.

ADJUDICATION ORDER MADE.

Some time ago a Chinese, named Pang Lai ting, was publicly cross-examined in the Bankruptcy Court after which he disappeared, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The case was mentioned by the Official Receiver, at a Bankruptcy Court this morning. He said since the debtor had absconded, an adjourned meeting of the creditors had been held, and a resolution for adjudication in bankruptcy passed. The resolution was that the Official Receiver be appointed trustee. There was a further provision that a special manager should carry on until a certain date, but as a matter of fact the business had been disposed of. An order for adjudication was made.

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

FORTY-EIGHT MEN ENTOMBED.

New York, March 8. Reuter's correspondent at Blue Fields, West Virginia, states that a double explosion occurred in a mine near Eccles.

Twenty-eight miners were entombed by the first shock and twenty by the second. Escaping gas prevents rescue work being carried out. *Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. & WORLD COURT.

LAWYER'S MOTION REFUSED.

Washington, March 8. The United States Supreme Court has refused to entertain a motion by Lawyer Benjamin Gatchings to restrain the United States from participating in the World Court on the alleged ground that participation would be unconstitutional. *Reuter's American Service.*

L33 CRIPPLED.

SUBMARINE STRUCK BY TAI O FERRY.

STERN DAMAGED.

The British submarine "L 33," floating serenely on the top of the water just off Green Island shortly after ten o'clock this morning, was considerably damaged in collision with a fairly large ferry boat which came up from the rear and struck her, it is said, bow on.

The ferry, the Yew Sing, was bound for Tai O, Lantau Island, her normal trip, having left her wharf, near Jardine's wharf at West Point, at approximately ten o'clock.

The coxswain, so far, has not returned to the office of her agents to give his version of the accident, having apparently continued his trip to Tai O, but it would appear that he did not sight the submarine until too late, for the launch seems to have run straight into the stern of the naval craft, "sitting" on her stern, smashing both propellers and her rudder and leaving her practically helpless.

The submarine was just off on a Southern cruise, but the damage is so extensive that her departure for Singapore, which we understand was her destination, will be indefinitely postponed. She has now been towed back into the Naval Yard.

No person was injured.

The owner of the Yew Sing is Mr. Ng Yee-po, of 14, High Street, and her agents are the Tung Shing, of the same address. Later information received states that the Yew Sing has been damaged below water near her bows, but the extent thereof cannot be ascertained until an examination of the hull is made.

FRENCH CRISIS.

M. BRIAND MAY STAY.

Paris, March 8. M. Briand on his arrival here from Geneva said he was most satisfied with the results of his trip to Geneva.

M. Briand, after visiting President Doumergue, at the Elysée, conferred at length with parliamentary leaders. The general impression is that he will form a Cabinet, retaining most of his ex-colleagues, with M. Caillaux or M. Peret, as Minister of Finance. *Reuter.*

DANGEROUS KOWLOON CORNER.

STRONG PLEA FOR URGENT ACTION.

UNOFFICIAL IGNORANCE.

There have been several occasions in the past when the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council have displayed a most regrettable ignorance regarding the subject matter, under discussion, but we have known of no recent occasion on which a greater lack of knowledge was shown than yesterday afternoon, when the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council considered a vote for the completion of the work of improving the Po Hing Theatre corner, at the junction of Nathan and Coronation Roads, Kowloon. The vote was not approved because it was felt that "the matter was one which might be left over until later" and we would like to know now many of our Unofficial Members know of the state of that corner to-day, because if they had known what that corner was like now, they could never have come to such a ridiculous decision.

So far as the actual roadwork is concerned, the obstructing hill has all been removed, even some of the kerbing has been laid; there was a steam roller at work on Sunday and the road only needs a little macadam and some tar and the thing (so far as actual traffic needs are concerned) is finished. The vote of \$55,000 which was shelved must either be for work that has already been done and not yet paid for, or for a lot of work extraneous to finishing off the roadway, and we wish to enter as strong a protest as possible against leaving the corner in the state it is to-day.

It is over seven years that Mr. B. L. Frost, later President of the Kowloon Residents' Association, began to agitate for the removal of the hill. The detour was dangerous—obviously so; and after many representations the Government decided to put the work in hand. Ever since, the place has been turned into a common quarry—a place where the working and dressing of stone has been put foremost to the task of clearing away a dangerous traffic obstruction. In the meantime, the growth of traffic has, with the development of the motor bus services and the opening up of Shamshui and Mongkok, been enormous, but, in suffering the tardiness of the P.W.D. and its contractors, motorists and road users generally have been consoled by the thought that when all the stone has been worked and play with the road will be opened.

And now, when everything has been done except the very last stage, our Unofficials calmly say that the matter is not urgent and suggest a postponement of its completion. The Director of Public Works had the grace to argue that it was a very bad turning, but there is something really ludicrous when he and the Chairman of the Committee (the Colonial Secretary) state that the greatest danger is not completing the work now, will arise from mosquitoes breeding in the water pools left by Government workmen. Surely, they ought to have kept in mind the original objection against the corner—its dangerous nature. Hundreds of "wobbly" motor buses, crowded with passengers, slowly negotiate that curve every day, and if only our Unofficial Members would have the grace to go and have a look at the place and so know what they are talking about, they might come to the conclusion that, in the interests of public safety, the completion of the new line of roadway, so that it can be used by traffic, is urgently desirable.

CAIRO-CAPE FLIGHT.

FURTHER PROGRESS DEPORTED.

London, March 8. The Royal Air Force flyers have arrived at Malakal, Sudan. *Reuter.*

HOUSING NEEDS.

PROBLEM FOR MALAYA EUROPEANS.

CHIEF FACTORS.

In nearly every town in Malaya (says the *Telegraph* Singapore correspondent) an acute housing shortage is being felt by the European community, and very little is being done at present to meet the demand, at any rate as far as the resident who is expected to find for himself in the matter of housing is concerned. The Government and Municipalities provide quarters for their officers, and incidentally, it is always easy to tell an official house in the Singapore suburbs by its frank and expensive ugliness. On the other hand, the quarters built for the subordinate services are very successful, both

RUBBER ATTACKS.

Sir Josselyn Hicks Lets Out.

London, March 8. Sir Josselyn Hicks, who was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Institution of the Rubber Industry in London, in a speech declared that attacks on the Stevenson scheme were absolutely unjustifiable. (Cheers.) We had made the rubber industry and we had a right to do our best in the interests of ourselves and for that industry. Other nations had the same opportunity as we had of developing those great rubber plantations but failed to do so because they had not the imagination, insight or courage to do what Britain had done. *Reuter.*

from the practical and the aesthetic point of view, and the neat and attractive terraces to be found here and there in Singapore represent the first local attempts to get away from the shop-house idea.

The reason why European houses are so hard to find is that very little building was done during the slump years, while the European communities in the larger towns have probably increased. Unfortunately this field does not seem to interest the speculative builder, who will tell you that the prices of labour and materials are such that he cannot build, having regard to the rent he would receive; and it is true that it would require a small fortune to erect proto-types of the huge, barnlike edifices which sprawl across our suburbs. But the local speculator, who is rarely a European, does not realise that in the matter of housing standards are changing. These large houses are legacies of a more lavish generation, of the spacious days of colonial life, and very roomy and pleasant they are to live in, but nowadays they require too much furniture and too many servants to keep up, and the small, compact type of bungalow, with three bedrooms, a dining room, and a verandah, and a tennis court in the compound, is all that is wanted. This type is now beginning to appear in Malayan towns, and especially in Singapore, where the Harbour Board, driven by the necessity of housing their large European engineering and wharf staff as economically as possible, have done valuable pioneer work in this direction, and any of their neat little bungalows which fall vacant are always eagerly sought after by outsiders.

The plight of the houseless members of the European community is intensified by the fact that the demand for "desirable, detached residences" is not confined to them, for one result of business prosperity is a general movement

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SERIOUS TROUBLES IN SHEKKI.

REFUGEES FLOCKING INTO HONGKONG.

BIG STRIKE REPORTED.

Some thousands of refugees from Shekki have arrived in Hongkong during the past day or two in consequence of troubles in that district. Most of them have reached the Colony via Macao, and they have presented a pitiable plight on arrival here.

The trouble first started in Shekki as a result of employees of the fish and vegetable markets going on strike. The Labour Department at Canton sent a deputy to the spot in order to arbitrate in the dispute, but latest reports show that the negotiations fell through. The situation has since become very serious. All the Labour Unions, having a membership of more than 100,000, have become involved in the strike. Communication by land and water is seriously interrupted.

The people in Shekki and the surrounding villages are in a state of consternation and anxiety, and there is a fear that the present situation may be seized as a golden opportunity for the bandits who are known to infest this district in no small numbers. Latest reports state that everything is at a standstill.

It is reported from another source that in view of the gravity of the situation at Heungshan, which may spread to other adjacent districts, the Canton Government has deputed both civil and military high officials to settle the matter with all despatch.

LOCARNO TREATY.

MATTER FOR IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Rugby, March 8. Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, replying to a number of questions in the House of Commons, said it was proposed to discuss fully the Locarno Treaty with the Dominions at the forthcoming Imperial Conference. On the question as to whether the communications which had passed between the British Government and the Dominions would be published, Mr. Amery said that they were official communications leading up to a decision of policy, like communications within a Cabinet, and were not always of a character which it was desirable to publish. *British Wireless.*

THE MYSTERY SHIP.

H.M.S. DURBAN OFF BIAS BAY.

H.M.S. Durban, sent out on a midnight chase of the mystery ship which passed Waglan on Saturday evening without acknowledging signals, spent last evening anchored off Bias Bay and up to the time of our going to press had not returned.

There is no further news respecting the vessel, which was described by the lighthouse-keeper as resembling a river steamer of about 300 tons. In the first place a suspicion arose that she was a Macao steamer, but no vessels on that run have been reported missing.

The information relating to a smaller steamer which had been pirated and which was found by the Durban, has not been added to.

FRANC STEADY.

London, March 8.

French francs have remained steady and closed at 184.45. *Reuter.*

RUBBER ISSUES.

NEW PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME.

LABOUR PROBLEM.

Considering that hitherto it has been one of the most precarious professions in the world (says the *Telegraph* Singapore correspondent) the planting industry has been fortunate in the type of man it has obtained. The majority of planters are public-schoolmen, and it may be doubted whether any other type could handle native labour and shoulder the numerous responsibilities attached to the charge of an estate division as successfully. But from the financial point of view the planter's lot has always compared unfavourably with that of the "office wallah" in Singapore or Penang.

In theory, a planter should have no difficulty in saving money, but in practice it requires considerable ingenuity, not to say will-power, to do so. He has to run a bungalow, keep a couple of servants, and get his stores from the nearest Chinese village, where the astute shopkeeper compensates himself for very generous credit by judicious manipulation of his price-list. Probably the planter indulges in the luxury of cold storage supplies from town once or twice a week, and any savings that may accumulate while he is on the estate melt like snow in the sun when he comes down to Singapore to taste of the delights of civilisation once again. The lessons of the slump, when hundreds of men were thrown out of their jobs, and Europeans were driving taxis on the Singapore streets to make a living, are likely to live in the memory of the generation which lived through those distressful times, and it was therefore with very great relief that the planting profession and the country as a whole hailed the announcement that a Provident Fund for planters was at last an accomplished fact. The difficulties in the way were very considerable, and they would never have been surmounted but for the genuine desire of the planting companies to see the scheme established. The companies have agreed to contribute dollar for dollar, and the scheme should remove the worst bogey of the planter's existence—his inability to make provision out of his salary for retirement.

For the former generation of planters there were opportunities of making money which no longer exist. Land was plentiful, and there was no difficulty about getting it on easy terms, so that the average planter, if he had a modicum of business instinct, became in the course of time a proprietor. Nowadays, good jungle land has to be paid for handsomely, even if it is available, and one hears rumours that estates are finding it difficult to get land, although there are huge areas of jungle left in the country. But as far as the estate assistant is concerned, the chances of making a fortune no longer exist, and promotion is slow these days, so that from every point of view the Provident Fund—which makes the planter who joins it save money whether he wants to or not—is the best thing that has ever happened in the planting profession.

COMPLAINTS OF "CRIMPING." Since the Admiralty has "crimped" labour for the naval base, with complete disregard of the requirements of estates on Singapore Island, it is scarcely surprising if an occasional manager up country follows their example. There is still a great shortage of labour throughout the peninsula, and Chinese coolies are demanding and getting the equivalent of five shillings a day. In fact Chinese labour is getting so difficult to handle that even

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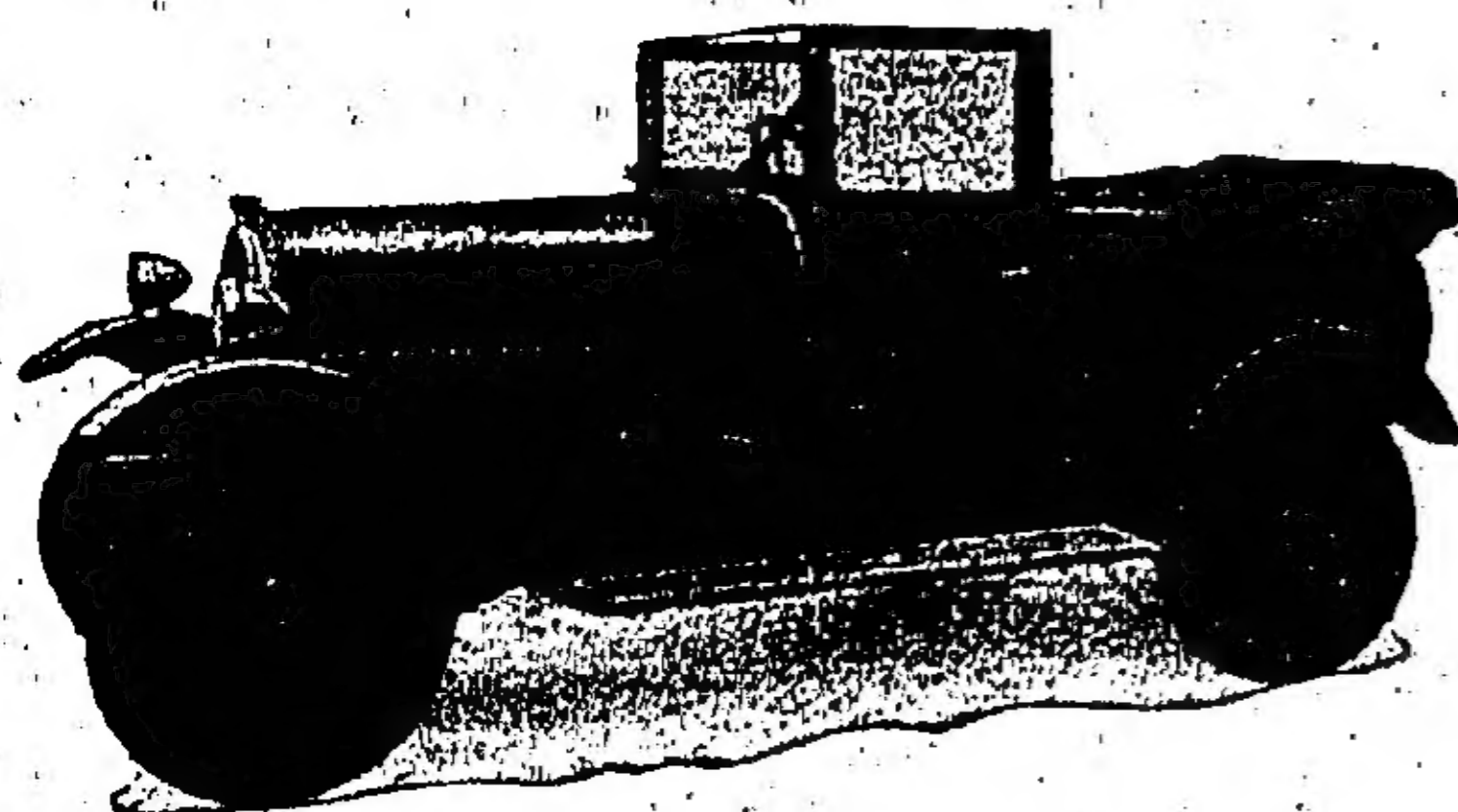
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FINANCIAL VOTES

YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, presided over by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. E.R. Hallifax.

The Chairman said: Hon. members will note that this is the first occasion the Committee has met since the new Standing Order recently passed has come into force, and we have now the first message promulgated direct to the Finance Committee. His Excellency the Governor has the honour to present for the consideration of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council items 157 to 161 of 1925 and Nos. 3 to 19 of 1926 of supplementary expenditure set out below. The effect of this new Standing Order is simply that we avoid the merely formal reference to the Legislative Council in the first instance for re-reference to the Finance Committee, and every item is explained in writing in the place of the verbal explanation, which was the custom before.

Additional explanations can be given and it further enables the Finance Committee to be called without the formality necessary before. I do not propose to read the explanations here, but just to make one reference to each number and to ask if any additional information is required.

Hon. Mr. Lang: May we have some more information with regard to item 17? What does this mean—Hongkong buildings, officers' quarters?

The Director of Public Works: This is in order to complete the subordinate officers' quarters in Ventris Road. The work was stopped last year. A decision had to be come to as to whether the contractor should be allowed to proceed, and it was ultimately decided that the Finance Committee be asked to approve this amount as against a corresponding saving in the estimates for Shaukiwan Road widening. That item, of \$150,000, has been struck out, and it is suggested this work be proceeded with. The quarters are very urgently required for subordinate officers.

The Chairman: It was not economy to leave unfinished a half-finished building.

The Director of Public Works: That is so.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What will be the total cost of the buildings?

The Director of Public Works: I haven't the figures with me, but something like \$150,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: How many houses does that provide for, Sir?

The Chairman: Six houses, at a total cost of \$283,000, including the formation of the site.

The Director of Public Works: There was a good deal of site formation which was done previously. The amount now asked for is for the completion of the quarters.

The Chairman: The site formation cost \$71,000 and the total cost is \$280,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: \$48,000 a house for a terrace of houses. It seems to be out of all proportion.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: How many storeys?

The Director of Public Works: Three storeys. This estimate was approved by the Finance Committee last year. It is a continuation of the same vote.

Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Communications, Roads, A new Bridge at Taiipo and road diversion to replace bridge washed away in 1925 \$9,000.

A sum of \$40,000 is provided in the Estimates for this purpose. It is found that this sum will not suffice for improved grading of the

approach to the Railway, and for the construction of a temporary bridge to be used during reconstruction. For these purposes an additional \$9,000 is necessary and a supplementary vote of this sum is requested.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Is this bridge to be placed in the same position as before?

The Chairman: Yes, in the same position, but on a slightly different plan.

Miscellaneous Services, Other Miscellaneous Services, \$200,000.

The amount voted under this sub-head in the Estimates (No. 109) is \$55,000. This sum is insufficient to meet necessary expenditure in connection with emergency measures and a supplementary vote of \$200,000 is requested. All the votes were approved.

Statistical Branch.

The Chairman: There are two other items for the consideration of the Finance Committee. One relates to the proposed re-establishment of the statistical branch of the Imports and Exports Department, which, with your permission, I will withdraw from this meeting. There are a few points I wish to clear up before submitting it.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: When will it come up?

The Chairman: Probably at the next meeting. I am considering whether it would not be better to refer it back for the advice of the Chamber of Commerce Committee.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: We recommended that it should be re-established with certain economies to be practised. I am strongly in favour of its being re-established and the sooner the better.

The Chairman: I will get it submitted to the Finance Committee at the next meeting.

Public Works Extraordinary.

The Chairman: The last item deals with supplementary provision for certain items of Public Works Extraordinary, postponed from 1925. This is not before us in the form of a message from His Excellency the Governor, but for preliminary advice and preliminary consideration informally. The Director of Public Works will be able to explain the position. It is a very large sum of \$1,365,710 to cover the cost of certain works postponed from the 1925 programme and arranged here in two lists—one for 1925 and one for works proposed to be carried out in 1926.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Are these brought up to be passed now?

The Chairman: No, this is a preliminary informal discussion.

Hon. Mr. Lang: What is the explanation of it—the reason for the postponement of these works?

The Chairman: A great many of these items are connected with retrenchments considered necessary in the middle of last year.

The Director of Public Works: In 1925 the Secretary of State sanctioned an amount of \$9,000,000 for Public Works Extraordinary and works in progress. Then we were told as far as possible to retrench and it was quite impossible to know to what extent we could retrench, as contractors who had undertaken the work would have claims against us if we asked them to stop work entirely. The result of the year's working shows that over one million dollars out of these items which total nine millions sanctioned by the Secretary of State were saved during 1925, and these items are those amounts now saved.

That is a rough estimate.

Hon. Mr. Lang: They have not been dealt with in any way in this year's estimates?

The Director of Public Works: No, because when the estimates were framed it was entirely im-

possible to say the savings that could be effected.

Victoria Hospital.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: As regards Victoria Hospital, can the Director tell us whether the original estimate has been exceeded?

The Director of Public Works: These are for additions to the main block and the estimate has been increased because additional requirements have had to be provided.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Apart from that, has the original estimate been exceeded?

The Director of Public Works: No, not apart from that.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What about the Fire Brigade? Has the original estimate of cost been exceeded there?

The Director of Public Works: The revised estimate is \$1,450,000; the original estimate was \$1,110,000.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What is the reason for that?

The Director of Public Works: I have not got a list with me, but there have been a great many additions. For instance, one item is furniture \$70,000. I can supply any of the figures required.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: One of the items is for certain quarters at Canton.

The Chairman: They are being built in conjunction with the Straits, from whom we shall get a certain refund.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Are they

actually being continued now?

The Chairman: I do not suppose they are being done now.

The Director of Public Works: We have a report that work has been done recently. The total cost is estimated at \$100,000, two-thirds of which is recoverable from the Malay States.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock directed attention to a sum of \$115,000 for the Kowloon Hospital.

The Director of Public Works: An additional item of \$80,000 is for furniture and \$18,000 is required for finishing the site preparation. A great deal of it has been done already.

Nathan Road Straightening.

The Chairman: There is just one item I should like to bring to the attention of members and that is an improvement in Nathan Road. It was not proposed to go on with that, but His Excellency the Governor suggested the other day it was desirable and suggested that an estimate of the cost should be made. The cost of putting that corner right is \$55,000, and information is desired as to whether this work should be done at once or should be left over. The corner is near the Po Hing theatre in Nathan Road.

Hon. Mr. Lang: It is not an urgent matter, Sir.

The Chairman: It is unsightly, but I should not consider it urgent myself.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think it might wait for a time.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Is it dangerous?

The Director of Public Works: It is not actually dangerous, but it is a very bad turning and for some considerable time it will be very difficult to keep it free from stagnant pools of water.

The Chairman: That is the serious objection—the mosquito question.

The Director of Public Works: I should like to point out that a large number of these items are urgently required. For instance, Victoria Hospital—we hoped to have completed last year. No funds were voted this year and unless we get this money we shall be incurring expenditure and unable to pay for the work done. All these items, or the majority of them, were voted last year.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: How do you propose to finance these?

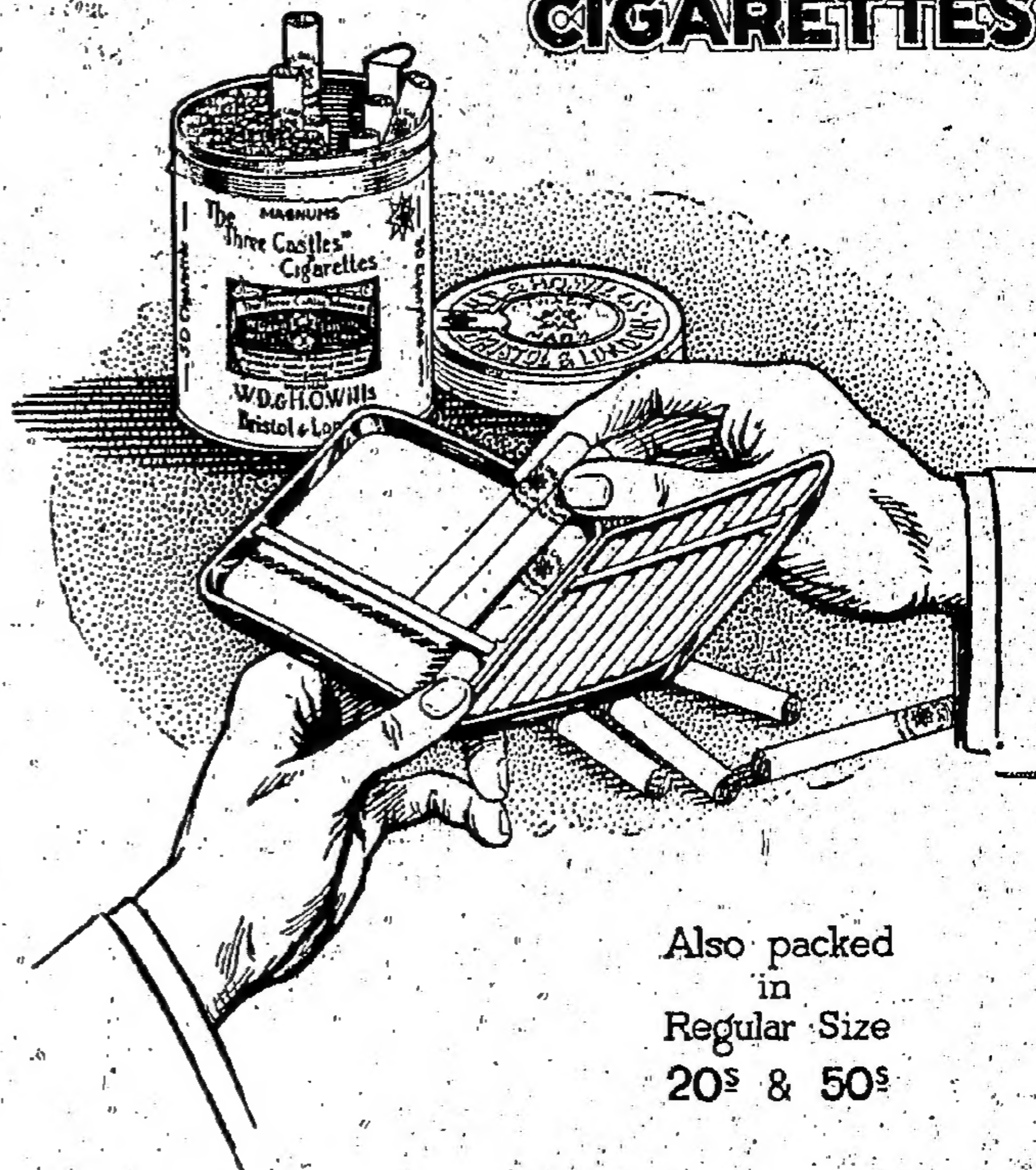
Hon. Colonial Treasurer: My opinion is that they ought to have been put in the estimates. We ought to economise elsewhere now. This is for a million and a half—

Hon. Mr. Lang: Which has not been budgeted for? This year's estimates are not worth the paper they are written on.

The Chairman: These items certainly arose out of the disorganisation of last June.

The Committee expressed approval of all the items with the exception of the improvement of the corner near the Po Hing Theatre in Nathan Road, which it was felt might be left over until later.

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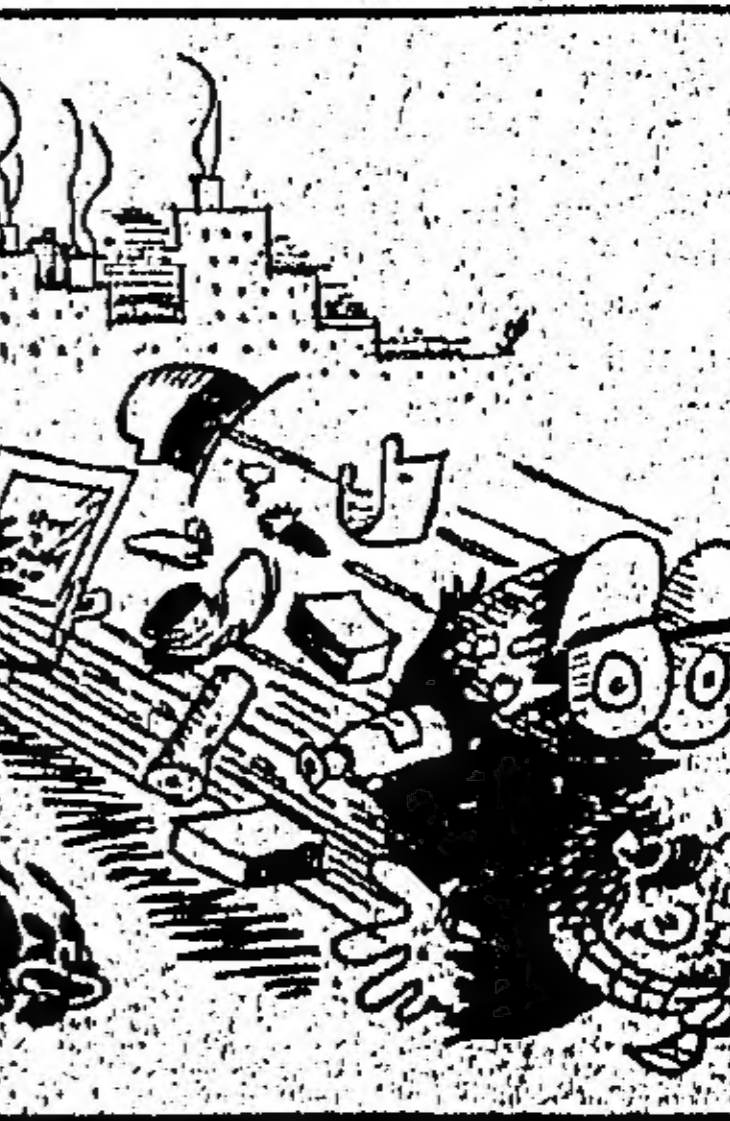


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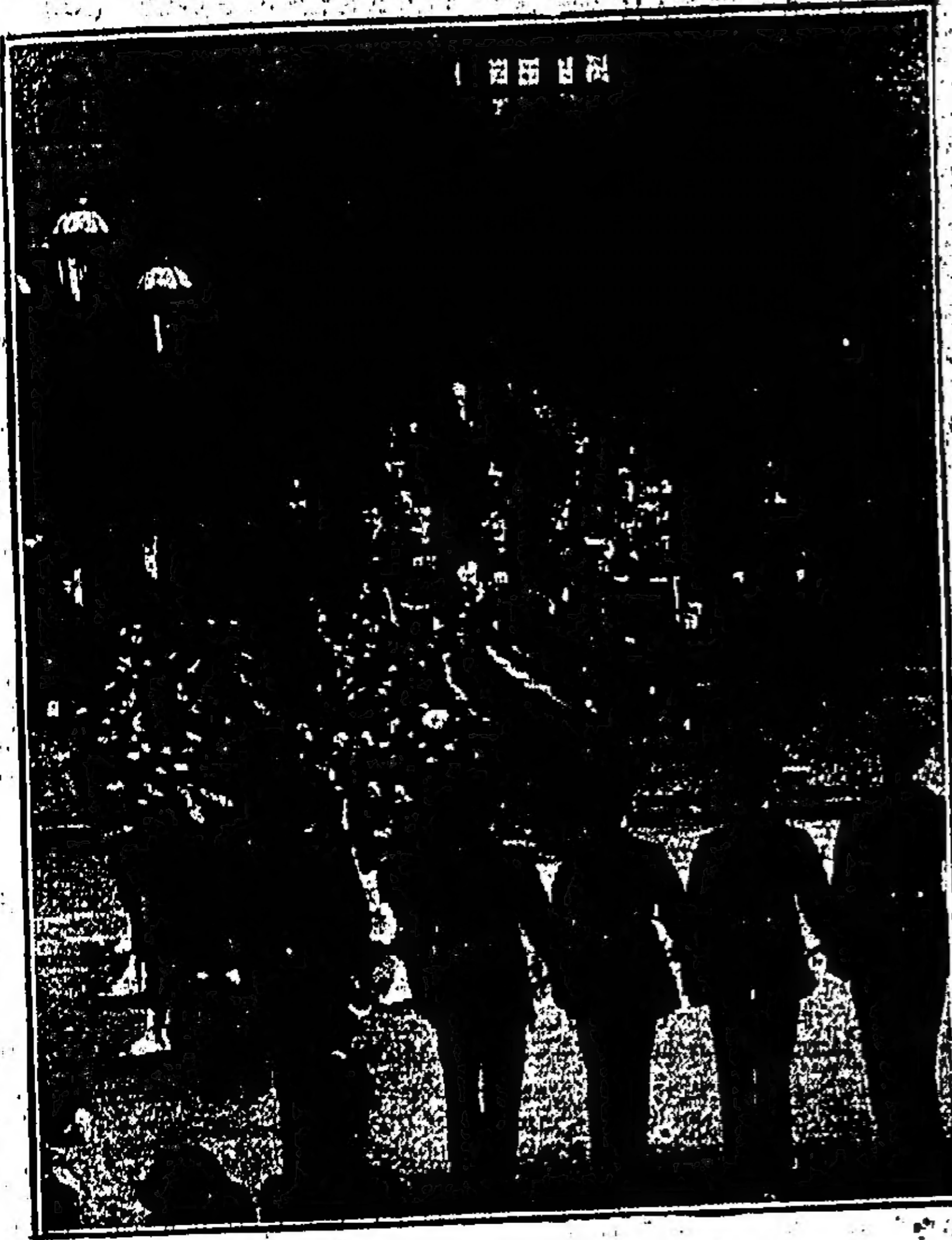
SALESMAN SAM.

They Have Their Ups and Downs

By Swan



Paris Police in London.



The part of 50 members of the Paris Gendarmerie who recently visited London, leaving Scotland Yard, preceded by London police pipers, to place a wreath on the Cenotaph. (Times copyright).

10 Stories up.



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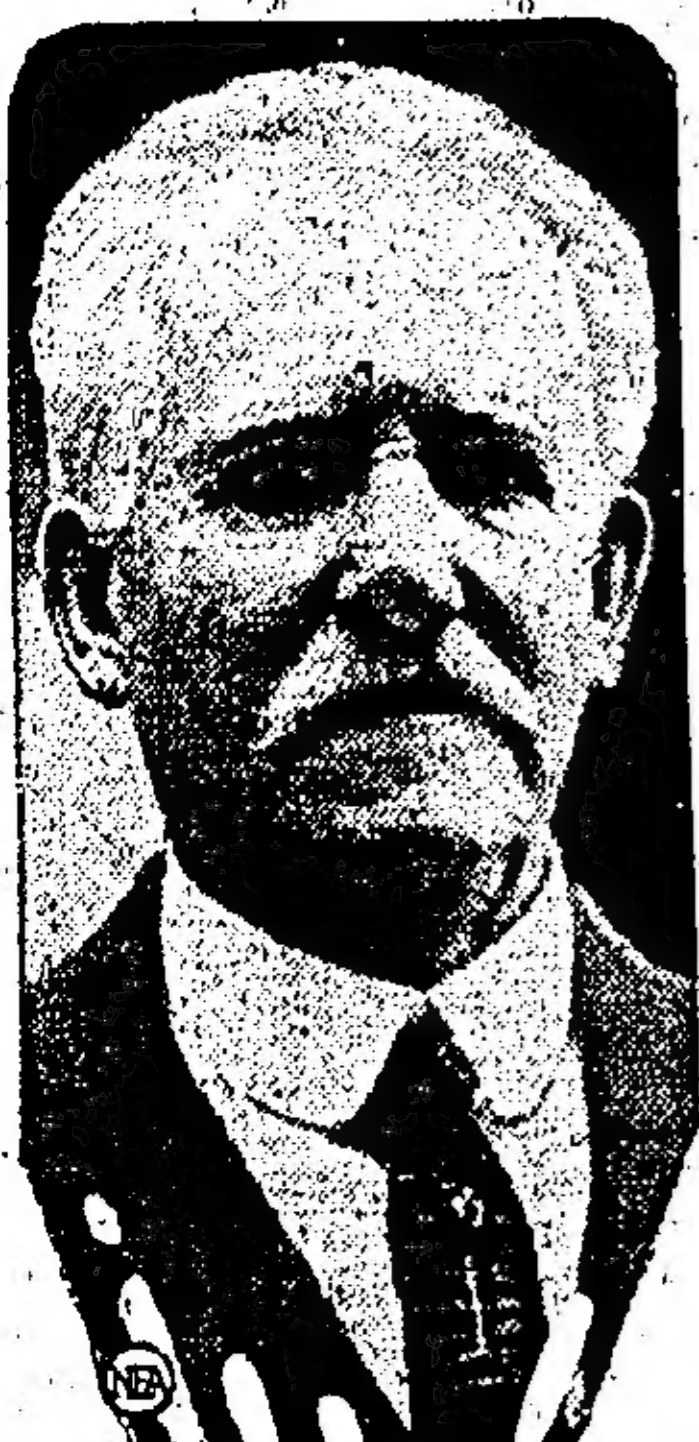


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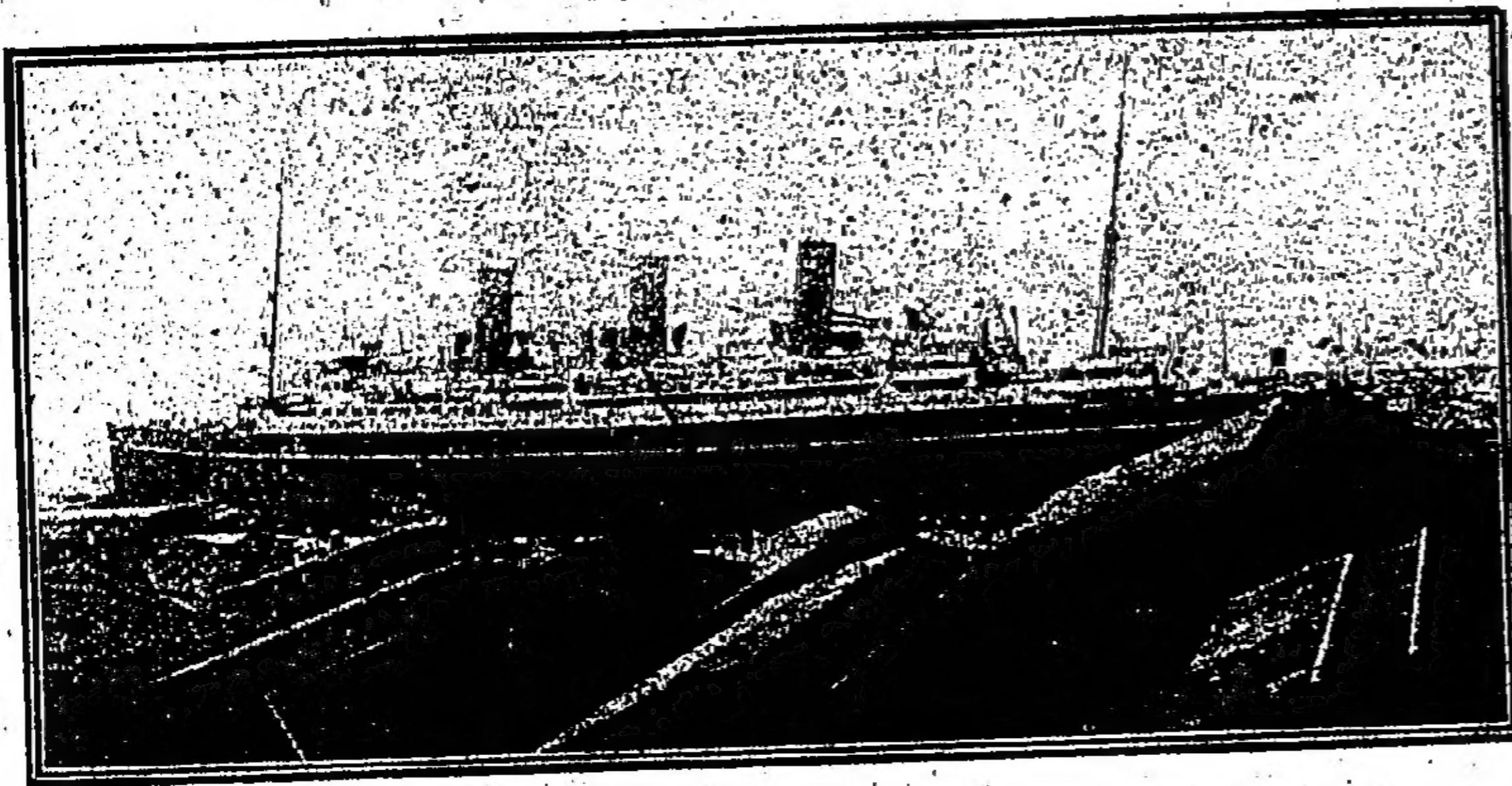
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Two Wars.



Maj. W. R. Dalton, 85, is believed to be the only man in the United States who is a veteran of the Confederate army and the World War.

The Empress of Canada.



A bird's-eye view of a portion of the China-Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's 'Lower' Wharf, Hongkew, with the Empress of Canada, of the Canadian Pacific Line, shown in the background.

Society Actress.



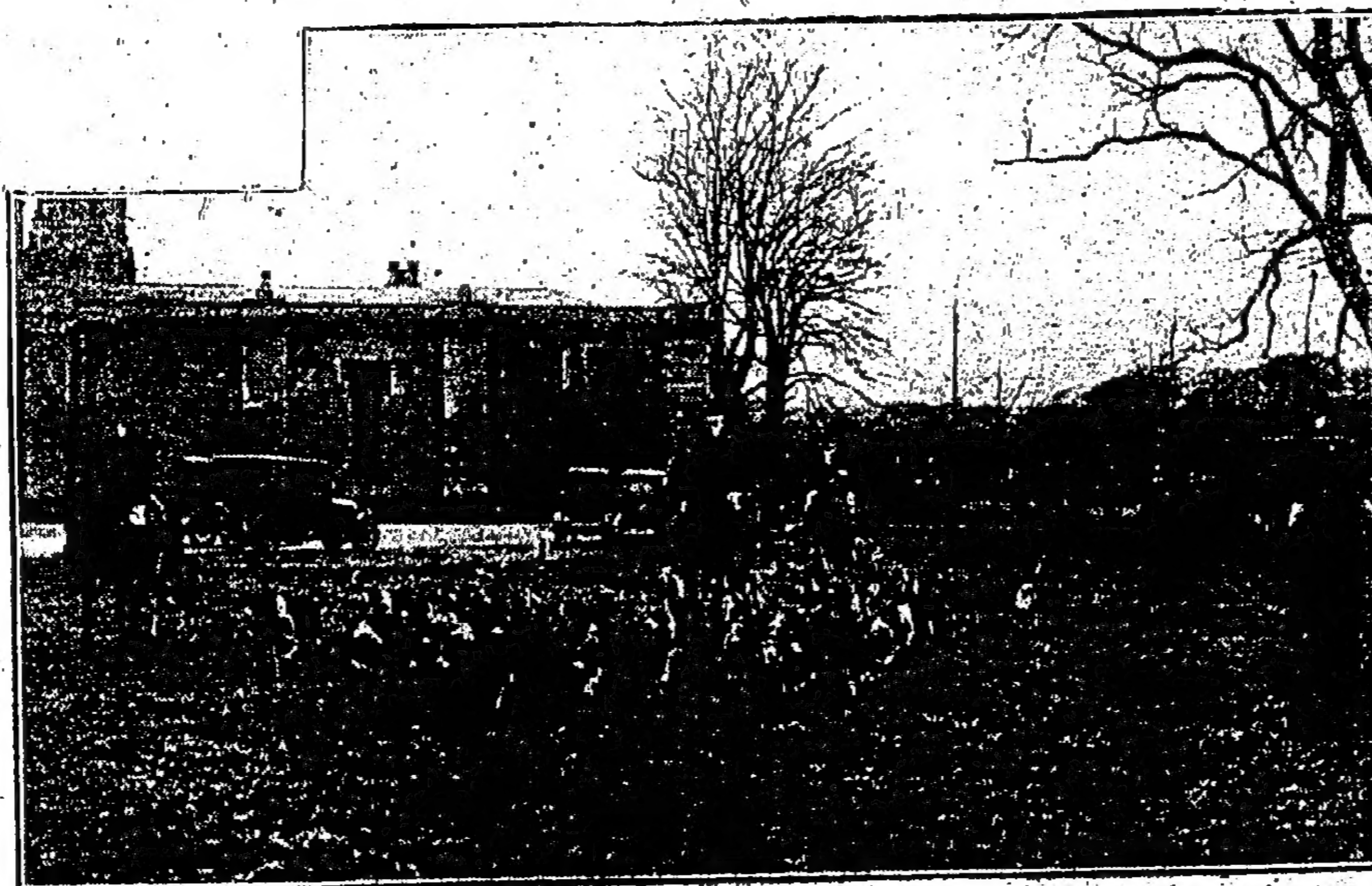
Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the well-known English society actress, who is going to America to appear in a number of plays.

Coming Here.



Mlle. enia Muklotzova, famous Russian classical dancer, who is appearing at the Star Theatre, on 13th and 14th inst.

Meet of the Heythrop Hounds at Blenheim Palace.



The Heythrop met at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxon, the Duke of Marlborough's seat, recently. Our picture shows the field moving off from the palace. (Times copyright).

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The following is the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season—

3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 2nd October and early Nov. By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed sole agents in Hongkong and South China for the Sale of Sakura Beer.

DONNELLY & WHYTE, 1st February, 1926.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

The THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on Wednesday 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 3rd March 1926, until Wednesday 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

An Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on WEDNESDAY 10th March 1926, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:

Correspondence General. W. J. STOKES, Branch Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 12th March 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1926.

NOTICE.

TO OWNERS OF DOGS.

The Public are hereby warned that on and after March 10th, 1926 all dogs found straying and wandering between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. will be shot.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Captain Superintendent of Police. March, 3rd, 1926.

NOTICE.

Traffic arrangements for the Investiture at Government House on Saturday, the 13th inst.—

From 10 a.m. until after the Investiture is over, traffic to and from Caine Road will be diverted by way of Arbuthnot Road for east bound traffic, and Lower Albert Road for west bound traffic.

All traffic in Queen's Road and Garden Road will be stopped from 10.50 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for a similar time on H.R.H. Prince George's return journey.

Cars will be parked on the north side of Upper Albert Road, west of Government House.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Capt. Supt. of Police. Hongkong, 6th March, 1926.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS. REMINDER.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the Institute on Wednesday, 10th inst. at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

THE MID LEVELS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1926, at 6.30 p.m. precisely.

Agenda: To receive the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925. To elect a Committee for the Year ending 31st December, 1926. And for such other business as may occur.

E. S. C. BROOKS, Acting Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer, 9, Queen's Gardens. The Acting Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the names of those persons willing to serve on the Committee for the current year. Hongkong, March 1, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The address of the Hon. Secretary is as follows: Mrs. John Hunt, Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. Tel. Kowloon 1371. Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

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Thursday 11th, March 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION of

The Valuable Leasehold Property, Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, and known as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 708 together with the premises thereon now known as

No. 21 Robinson Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m., by

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., at their Salesroom, No. 5 Duddell Street, Hongkong. For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to:—

Messrs. WOO AN NASH, Mortgagees Solicitors, Bank of China Building, Queen's Road Central, or to

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, No. 5 Duddell Street. Dated 24th February, 1926.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 9th, 10th and 11th MARCH, 1926,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m. with an interval from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

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Lots may be inspected on Monday, 8th March 1926. Also sale of Old and Surplus Victualling Stores at Kowloon on Friday, 12th March.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. J. Reid and Mr. K. E. Greig to sell by Public Auction, on

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Catalogues will be issued. On view from Sunday, March 14th, 1926.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LIMITED. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steamer "MACHAON"

are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 8th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th Mar. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 29th inst. or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. 6th March, 1926.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th Mar. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 29th Mar. 1926, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. 8th March 1926.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 8th March, 1926.

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TRAFFIC CASES.

A MIDSHIPMAN FINED.

Mr. J. C. Rowe, a midshipman from one of His Majesty's ship in harbour, came before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning in response to a number of summonses which had been brought by the Traffic Department against him.

Major Willson said that the 18th February appeared to have been an unlucky day for the defendant, as on that day various things happened.

Defendant was on that day caught riding a friend's motor cycle. He possessed no licence for the machine, nor a driver's licence for himself, and from these circumstances five charges were produced against him and his friend.

Against Mr. Rowe there were three counts of lacking a driver's licence, overtaking another moving vehicle on the left, and driving an unlicensed motor cycle; while against his friend, who is the owner of the machine, there were the two charges of allowing an unlicensed machine to be driven and of not possessing a licence.

To all these counts defendant, who had assumed responsibility for his friend as well, returned a plea of guilty and was fined \$5 on each charge, or \$25 in all.

OTHER CASES.

In giving evidence against a livery car driver who was charged with reckless driving and failing to respond to the signal of the pointman, Mr. A. R. Cox, of the Hongkong Electric Company, said he overtook the defendant in his own motor cycle. He considered that defendant was not in a fit state to drive the car, it was Chinese New Year when this occurred.

His Worship imposed fines aggregating \$15.

The driver of car No. 151 was fined \$10 for reckless driving in passing a tramcar at Happy Valley on the wrong side of the road. Evidence was given that to avoid being made the victim of an accident, a tram passenger had to jump with some alacrity back on the footboard of the tramcar from which he had just alighted.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong:—

Kalgan, Talma, Rosandra, Empress of Canada, Hakusan Maru, Taiyo Maru, Herseus, Tjinodas, Kiungchow, Indus Maru, Kwaiyang, Lalang, Fooksang, Kashmir, Machaon, Tantalus, Fulda, Empress of Asia, Tatesha Maru, Saigon Maru, Angkor, Paul Leat, Harol, Solviken, Bintang, Altai Maru, Shinsei Maru, No. 6, Oostkerk, Cassis, Purpura.

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SATISFYING PERFORMANCE OF KAU SING YESTERDAY.

Fire Equipment Tested.

The trials of the new rescue tug, the Kau Sing, were carried out yesterday in the Lama Channel, when the boat gave a very satisfactory performance, attaining the speed of 12 knots over an average of runs.

The tug, with a distinguished party on board, left her moorings off Blake Pier at 10.30 and returned to harbour at 4.30. The company numbered about 80, among whom were Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole (Harbourmaster), Captain E. D. C. Wolfe, (Captain Superintendent of Police) Messrs. Sherman, Greig, P. J. Taylor, G. F. Taylor, R. Hall, McMurray, C. C. Nelson, Captain Thompson and Captain Innis.

The vessel proceeded to the Lama Channel and carried out her trials over the measured three miles, and on the average of three runs, made only a decimal point less than 12 knots. She maintained full speed until three p.m., during which time opportunity was taken to test the water tower jets and these too, proved in every way satisfactory.

Tiffin was served on board and the success of the Kau Sing was toasted, but there was no speech-making. The guests were greatly impressed with the excellent accommodation for both officers and crew, and also with the capabilities of the boat and her substantial equipment.

It is understood that anchor trials and compass adjustment will be carried out to-day.

"Kau Sing" means "Saving Star." As has been stated, the chief duties of the tug will be:—typhoon rescue work; relief trips to Pratas station; and pumping, by steam, water for fire fighting.

COMPANY REPORT.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., to be held at the offices of the company, St. George's building, on Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m., states:

The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a Statement of Accounts, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Gross Profit for the year is	\$578,348.29
The amount brought forward from the previous year	14,566.62
	\$592,914.91

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, etc. \$9,658.70 Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Lighters, etc. 67,236.53

The Balance to be dealt with is	\$516,009.68
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which it is recommended should be applied as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share on the Old shares	\$320,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 10.666 cents per share on the New shares	42,666.66
To place to Reserve for New Plant	100,000.00
and carry forward the credit of next year's account	53,342.92
	\$516,009.68

Directors.—Under Article XII (14) of the Articles of Association, Messrs. R. G. Sheehan and Conrad E. Mendham retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linsted & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who are eligible for re-appointment.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

DESPERATE SITUATION.

London, March 8. The far-reaching effects of the French financial crisis, which it describes as grave indeed, is subjected to a searching analysis by the Times in a leader. The paper is of opinion that one of the chief obstacles to European reconstruction is the unsolved French financial problem. This domestic problem is of a character so intimate, vital and fundamental, that the position of France in Europe, and the exact part she will henceforth play in international affairs will depend largely on its radical solution. The Treasury is nearly empty after months of agitated discussion. No provision has been made to cover the increasing deficit or to put the finances on a sound basis. With the prospect that the situation will grow desperate, many bewildered minds in France are beginning to play with the idea of desperate remedies.—Reuter.

London, March 8. The papers are baffled by the present obscure position as the result of the French crisis, the ultimate consequences of which only the future can unveil.

The lack of any developments at the week-end in Paris or Geneva—at least on the surface—has produced nothing with which to enlighten the abstruse arguments about France's economic, political and psychological plight. Meanwhile, it is felt that the legal complexities of the French delegation's position loom as an alarming shadow over the bright hopes centred on Geneva.—Reuter.

A FALL INTO THE STREET.

FATAL PANIC DURING POLICE RAID.

Attempt to Jump From One Verandah to Another.

The fatal fall of a man who attempted to jump from one verandah to another was referred to at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Major C. Wilson conducted an inquiry into the man's death.

The evidence showed that Senior Revenue Officer Watts and other officers entered the second floor of No. 3, Sun Street, Wanchai, on February 19. When they got to the stairway leading to the second floor they heard sounds of a disturbance inside, and then shouting in the street.

Going to the street it was found that a man was lying unconscious in the roadway and had apparently fallen a considerable distance.

Returning to the second floor of the house occupants told the officers that two men had run on to the verandah and one had fallen into the street.

The injured man was identified as an opium seller, and officers found evidence that there was an opium divan in the house. It was stated that the principal tenant had gone to Macao since the occurrence.

A witness said that he saw a man jump from one verandah to another and then run into a house. It was further stated that there was no actual eyewitness of the other man's fall, but that an arm at the end of a verandah, used for drying clothes, had been broken as if a man had fallen on it. Apparently the man had fallen about 30 feet.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

TALUTAO LIGHT TO BE RE-EXHIBITED.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Marine Department of the Maritime Customs at Shanghai, under date March 1.

Notice is hereby given that the Talutao Light, extinguished during the winter season, will be exhibited again at sunset on the 15th March, 1926.

Wreck at Woosung. Harbour Notification No. 10 issued at Shanghai under date March 1, is as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the Japanese motor vessel Foochi Maru, lies sunk 350 feet due east of the southern end of the Railway Wharf at Woosung.

A mark boat is moored over each end of the wreck. Each mark boat exhibits a green flag by day and a green light over a white light by night.

Vessels are cautioned not to pass between the mark boats.

CHINESE CIVIL WAR.

FIGHT AT TAKU.

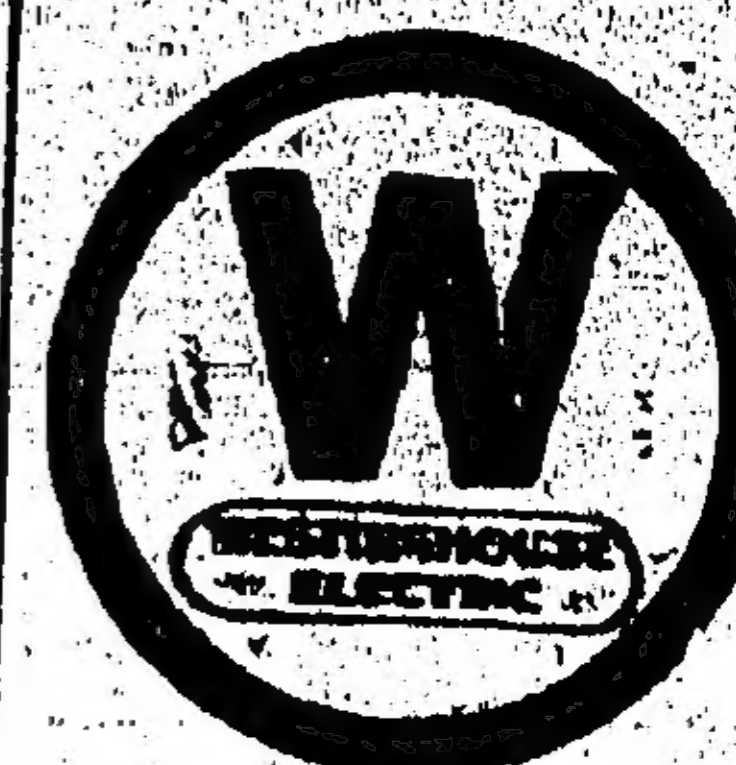
Tientsin, March 8. At daybreak this morning, Fengtien gunboats off Taku fired on the Kuominchun shore batteries, who replied; this resulting in an artillery duel of an hour and a half. The foreign ladies at Taku have left for Tientsin.—Reuter.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

New York, March 8.

The wireless telephone conversations with London have been entirely successful at this end.

London speakers were as clearly heard as over the local lines. Asides like bells tolling the hours, shuffling feet and the hum of voices, were clearly distinguishable.—Reuter's American Service.



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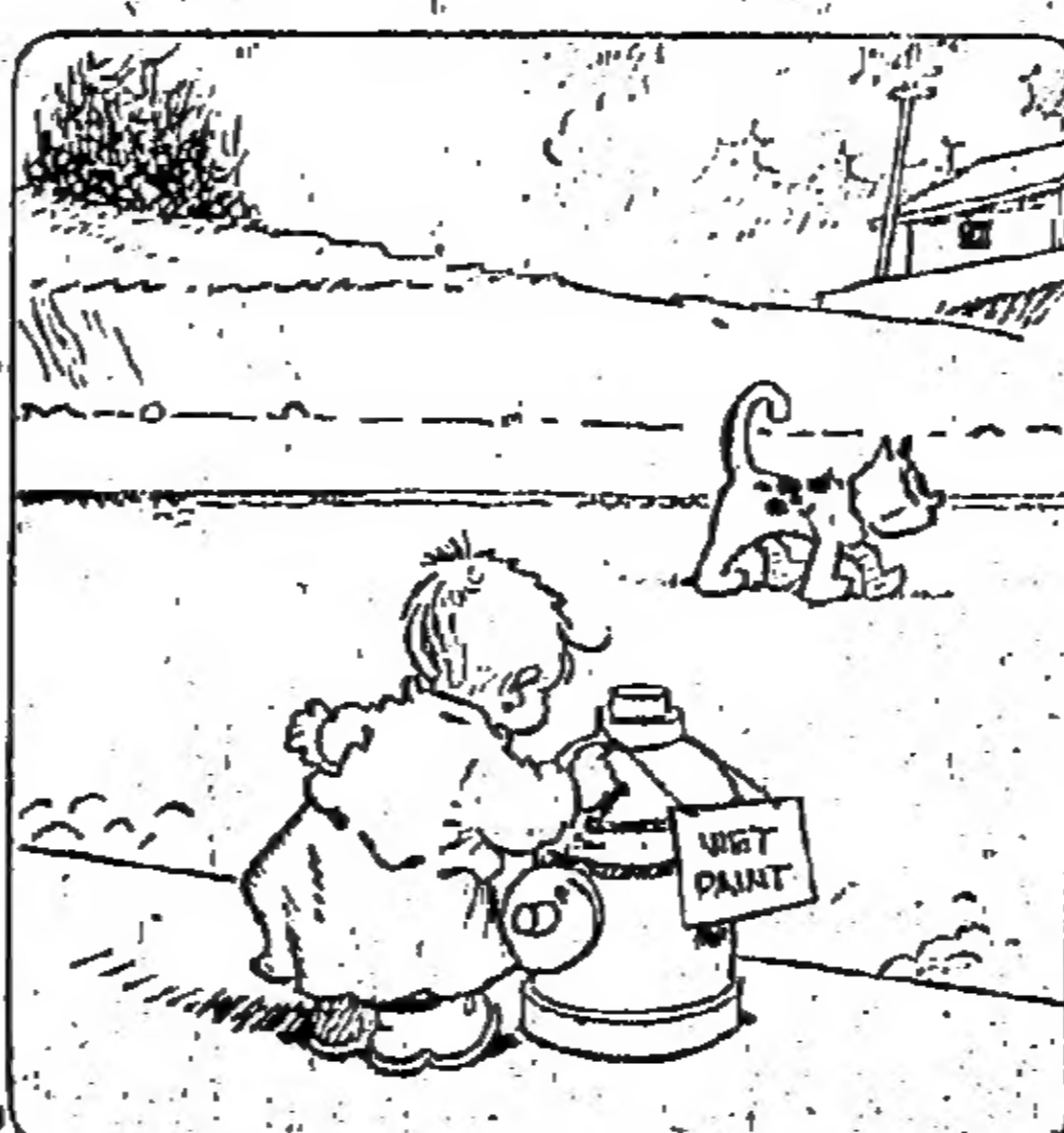


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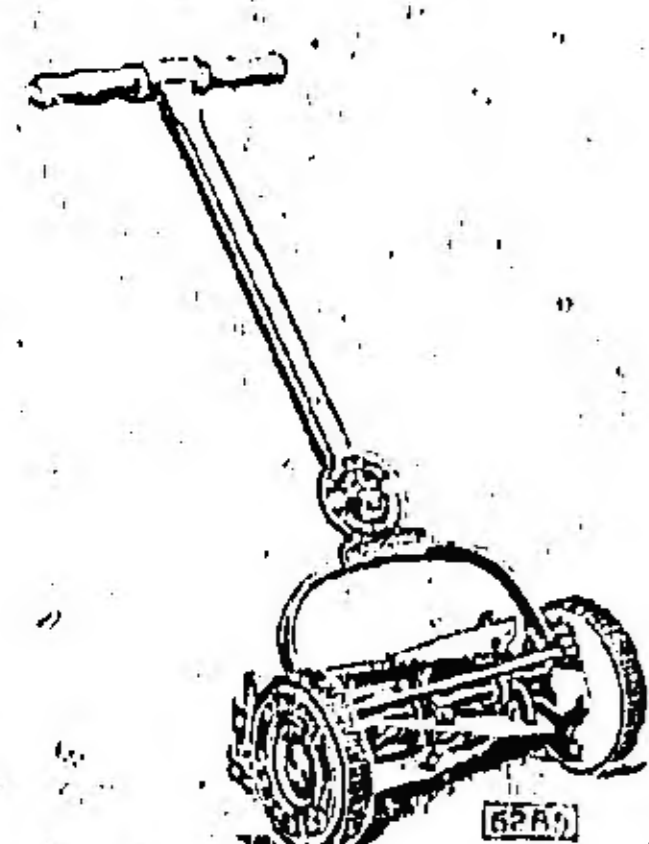
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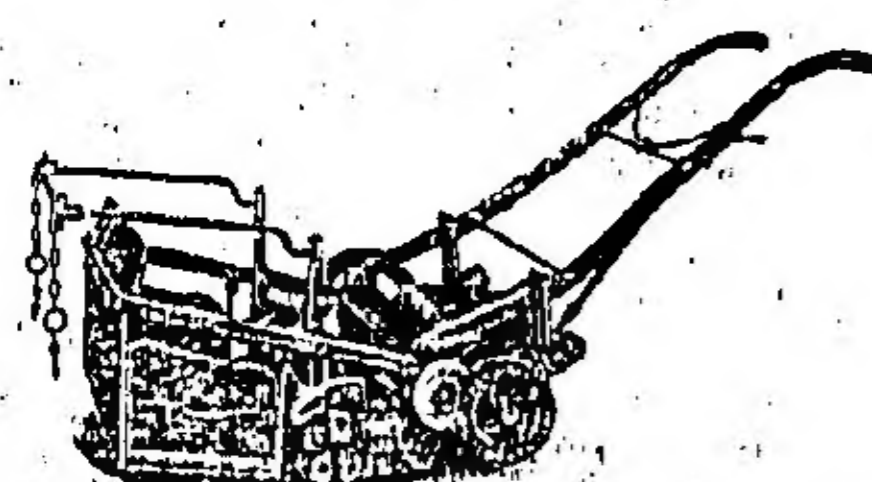
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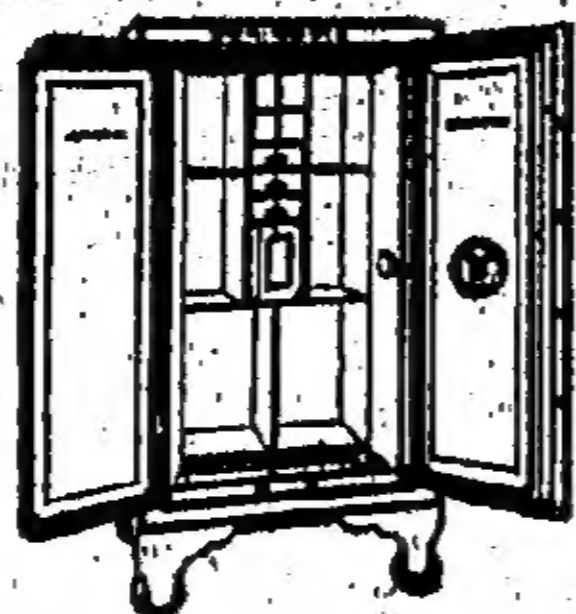
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The Telegraph

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1926.

BLAME THE POLITICIANS.

When M. Briand exclaimed
"Ours is an awful profession" he
spoke, so far as France is
concerned, a truism of the
present day. The paradox exists
that with France as prosperous
as she has been in many years
the national finances are verging
on bankruptcy because the
necessary taxation will not be
sanctioned by her politicians. M.
Briand has fought a tremendous
fight for weeks past to get an
adequate scheme of taxation
through the Chamber and the
Senate, and in company with M.
Doumer, the Minister of Finance,
has achieved more than any of
his many immediate predecessors—
all of whom lost their
majorities because of differences
of opinion on the taxation
question. At the very last
moment, when it seemed that M.
Briand was going to have a
victory because he had secured
his measure through the Senate,
the Chamber vote goes against
him by a narrow margin, causing
a crisis that surprises even the
opponents of the measure, causes
the resignation of M. Briand and
his Cabinet, and leaves France
unprovided for in the matter of
funds to meet demands soon
falling due. Surely there has
been no parallel in modern times
of this tameness of politicians.

On February 7th the London
Times received from its Paris
correspondent a despatch saying
that both the press and public
were growing more and more
impatient with the long drawn-
out financial debate in the
Chamber, which had then
already lasted a month (and
which has lasted for one further
month since). One of the writers
in the Paris press described the
apparently endless feud between
M. Doumer and his parliament-
ary critics as "clowning, not
legislating," and a writer on the
same day in *Le Matin* said "The
Chamber is giving an impression
of impotence, and every day that
passes is worsening the situation
and rendering a remedy more
difficult. Is France to go under
while a few hundred imbeciles
bandy words? France is dying
and still they play politics." What
has happened since that
time has only added proof to the
fact that it is the game of party

politics—played by men who
have thought more of their party
than of their country—which has
landed France in the serious pre-
dicament in which she now finds
herself. The Radicals will not
support the Left bloc, neither
will they coalesce with the
Right. The Socialists were
primarily responsible for the
downfall of M. Briand because
they did not like his Payments
Tax proposals. And so on. The
financial downfall of France at a
time when, by every other token,
she should be in the heyday of
boom prosperity, can and must
be laid, not at the door of the
ordinary French citizen, but at
the door of little-minded
politicians with whom everyone
has grown thoroughly out of
patience.

The future does not look too
hopeful, for, as Ruter says in
the latest messages, it would be
comparatively easy to get
someone to stand as Premier in
succession to Briand but the
great difficulty is to get a
working majority in the Chamber
for any one set of proposals. The
dissolution of the Chamber looms
up as the ultimate solution,
although the waste of time taken
up by a general election would
have disastrous effects on the
financial situation unless some-
thing unprecedented were done
to tide over the interim period.
The future is all obscure, but
friends of France will heartily
wish for her a quick riddance of
these pettifogging politicians of a
party system which has run riot.

Intimidators.

Dr. S. W. Two spoke home sound
words to students of the Sacred
Heart English School on Sunday
when he took occasion to compli-
ment them on having continued
with their studies in spite of the
efforts of intimidators to persuade
them to go out on "strike." As
he remarked, these intimidators
claim to act under the name of
patriotism and liberty, whereas
in point of fact their actions quite
believe their words. "It is surely
the very opposite of liberty to
seek to frighten schoolboys from
pursuing studies which will serve
them well in after years. With
every lad, the right to learn is
one to be safeguarded in their
own interests, but it is that very
right which the intimidators
would take away. The mischief-
makers whose only concern in
life is to preach the doctrine
of destruction know that the more
ignorant the masses, the greater
is their chance of imposing on
them; and that is probably one of
the reasons why their agents, the
paid intimidators, pay so much
heed to young students. What
we want to see amongst the
Chinese of this Colony is a fear-
less attitude in the face of the
foolish threats made by pro-
fessional intimidators. By this
time it must surely have dawned
on the majority that such threats
are so much empty nonsense.
That is clearly shown by the
hundreds of workers and students
who have remained indifferent to
the propaganda of the intimidators
and who have suffered no ill
consequences as a result of
remaining at their posts. We
believe that by degrees the
intimidator is being assessed
amongst the workers of this
Colony at his true value, and that
as time goes on he will find it in-
creasingly difficult to make the
least impression on those who
have come to know him for the
bluffer that he is.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 8.
To-day's exchange rates are as
follow:
Paris 135
Brussels 107
Amsterdam 12.11 1/4
Berlin 20.40
Copenhagen 18.72
Vienna 34.23
Helsingfors 193
Lisbon 12 1/2
Buenos Aires 46 1/2
Shanghai 3/0 1/4
Yokohama 1/2 3/16
New York 4.85 1/2
Geneva 25.23
Milan 12.10
Stockholm 18.12
Oslo 22.70
Prague 104
Madrid 34.49
Rio 7 1/4
Bombay 1/4 1/8
Hongkong 2/4 1/2
Silver (spot and forward) 30 7/16
—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WE MAY COVER A MULTITUDE
OF SINS WITH THE WHITE ROBE
OF CHARITY.—Beecher.

It is reported that General Chu
Pul-tok has assumed the office of
Chief of the Commissariat Office
of the Canton Army.

A Chinese woman was taken
to the Government Civil Hos-
pital yesterday from her home
after taking an overdose of opium
in an attempt to commit suicide.

A report from Canton states
that the Government has decided
to abolish the School of Law, but
that as the students are opposed
to the proposal, it may be dropped.

The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., ad-
vertises for sale the two double-
ended ferry boats Northern Star
and Southern Star. These have
been supplanted by the new ves-
sels Golden Star and Meridian
Star.

A fine of \$5 was inflicted on a
Chinese spectator of this morn-
ing's proceedings at the Central
Magistracy for spitting in Court.
As Mr. Lindsell said, this man
made a "horrid mess" of the
place.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts
are advised from their Shanghai
office that Java Consolidated
have declared a final dividend of
of Tls. 24, making Tls. 44 for the
year; whilst the Shanghai Gas
Company has declared a final
dividend of Tls. 2, making Tls. 4
for the year.

The 1st Batt. the East Surrey
Regiment were inspected by H.
E. the General Officer Command-
ing (Major-General C. C. Luard,
C.B., C.M.G.) at the Murray
Parade Ground this morning, a
very smart turn-out being wit-
nessed by a large number of
European residents in the Colony.

Rivalry between sampans for
passenger business resulted in a
general fight aboard the Takada
on the steamer's arrival in port
yesterday. Two Chinese were
injured and were removed to
hospital. The police, on being
called to investigate the origin of
the affair, arrested three men
who were alleged to have belong-
ed to the aggressive party.

A party of police officers from
the Shamshui Station raided a
hut in Kowloon Tsai on Sunday
and arrested an unemployed
Chinese in possession of one re-
volver and three rounds of am-
munition without a permit. On
the application of the prosecu-
tion, the defendant was to-day
formally remanded by the Kow-
loon Magistrate until Saturday.

The Canadian Pacific Railway
Co. are in receipt of the following
advice from Head Office, Mon-
treal:—"The Chateau Frontenac,
Quebec, with 550 guest rooms and
ample public space, is in full
operation. Full programme of
Winter Sports will proceed as
previously arranged. The fire
damage was confined to the old
portion of the building which it
is intended will be reconstructed
by June 1st, 1926."

INDIAN POLITICS.

DRAMATIC SCENES IN ASSEMBLY.

Delhi, March 8.
Crowds thronged the galleries of
the Legislative Assembly in antici-
pation of a lively discussion on
the Budget grants, and witnessed
a dramatic scene, the Swarnajita
walking out after an impassioned
speech by Nehru Motilal declaring
that their co-operation had been
declined and they had been
ridiculed and humiliated. They
sent a message to the people of the
United Kingdom that contentment
in India was impossible until the
system was changed, but the stony
hearts of bureaucracy had remain-
ed obdurate.

Speaking later as one "sincere-
ly desiring to promote the interests
of India" Sir Alexander Muddiman
deeply regretted the incident and
said he would miss Nehru's
speeches on the frontier policy and
the South African problem.

A further shock was adminis-
tered to the Legislators when Mr.
Patel, the Indian President, after
a speech advising the Government
only to transact the business neces-
sary for the administration and
avoid controversial matter, ad-
journing the Assembly until
to-morrow, to everybody's amazement.—Ruter.

LEAGUE MEETING.

A DAY OF PRELIMINARIES.

Geneva, March 8.
Animation in the lobbies of the
Secretariat was unprecedented
when the Council of the League
opened its private session to dis-
cuss the agenda. There was a
huge gathering of journalists in
addition to the general public, all
discussing possible solutions to the
question of the reconstruction of
the Council. The consensus of
opinion was that Poland was at
present out of the running and
that Spain and Brazil may give way
to facilitate the entry of Germany,
though both the latter declare that
their attitude of claiming seats is
unchanged.

An extraordinary session of the
Assembly of the League opened in
the afternoon. Viscount Ishii, the
Acting President, in a speech said
that a meeting of the Assembly
at such short notice was unprece-
dented and proved the efficiency of
the League as an international busi-
ness machine while the event
which brought the Assembly to-
gether was most significant. The
request of a great nation for admis-
sion to the League was a sign of
the strengthening hopes and con-
science of nations.—Ruter.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY.

Geneva, March 8.
Dr. Da Costa (Portugal) has
been elected President of the
League Assembly.—Ruter.

NEW SPIRIT OF LOCARNO.

Geneva, March 8.
In an address to the Assembly
after his election as President,
Dr. Da Costa dwelt on the new
spirit of Locarno, which made
to-day's fraternity and which to-
morrow might extend to all na-
tions of the earth.

After electing six Vice-Presi-
dents and members of two Com-
mittees, one of which will report
on Germany's application for ad-
mission to the League, the Assem-
bly adjourned sine die.

There was great public interest
in the proceedings, the galleries
being packed.—Ruter.

BRITISH OPTIMISM.

Rugby, March 8.
With reference to the informal

INDIA AND OPIUM.

RESTRICTION BEYOND OUR OBLIGATIONS.

London, March 8.
Replying to a question in the
House of Commons, Earl Winter-
ton, Under Secretary of State for
India, outlined the Government of
India's opium policy, which, if
approved by the Legislature, would
go far beyond the international
obligations.

Capt. A. U. M. Hudson asked
whether adequate publicity would
be given in countries where we had
been attacked on account of our
policy, particularly in the United
States and Earl Winterston said he
did not know whether that lay in
his power, but he hoped that
publicity would be given.

Lt.-Col. Fremantle asked whether
there was a guarantee that China
would not take up the production
of opium which was restricted in
India, but the Speaker pointed out
that that matter did not arise.—
Ruter.

conversations on the constitution
of the League Council, which are
proceeding in Geneva, the general
impression in London is that
nothing has occurred to increase
the difficulties of the problem upon
which statesmen are engaged, and
that the conversations between
them have already served the pur-
pose of removing many of the
misconceptions which have grown
up during the last fortnight.
There is general regret that M.
Briand has had to absent himself
from Geneva and that a short delay
has occurred in consequence, but it
is felt that the value of his
assistance in reaching a solution
has justified the postponement of
the main conversation for a day or
two, by which time it is anticipated
he will have returned from Paris.

Meanwhile, consultations among
all the delegates to the Council,
and others particularly interested
at the moment in the constitution
of that body, are continuing, and
there is considerable confidence
in British circles that the difficul-
ties will be finally overcome.—
British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Olimpin Radis of Cebu, the wife
of an honest labourer who just
manages to earn his daily ration of
humour, her sentiments must
not be subjected to a too close
scrutiny, even if she was making
her remarks as the presiding
officer at the final session of the
social insurance conference in
London. "The bachelor," she is
quoted as saying, "is the most
helpful creature that ever was.
He is the one thing making
matrimony possible. If married
women look at a bachelor they
get a little more reconciled to their
own husbands."

Now, honestly how long has it
been since you've written home to
your people?

Why, you ought to be ashamed
of yourself!

Just stop and think—every day
they expect to hear from you.
They're interested in how you are
getting along.

And perhaps they wonder if you
wonder how they are getting
along.

What an easy thing to do—just
write a letter.

How much it means. And yet
you neglect it.

You'll find paper and pen
wherever you keep them.
Get busy!

"It is a perpetual glory of the
theatre," says Mr. Hugh Walpole,
"that no one need go who doesn't
wish to go." This is the sort of
remark that is calculated to make
the average wife laugh aloud.

The influence of the French and
Belgian boxers has apparently been
making itself felt for two Welsh
sloggers after an exceedingly liv-
ely fight at the Ring made amends
by kissing each other at the end.

These "howlers" are selected
from entries submitted to the
University Correspondent's annual
competition:—

Shakespeare was the author of
"Omlet."

The plural of ox is oxa.

Clive committed suicide three
times.

Oliver Twist had a very good
effect, for people saw the work-
house, in a different limelight.

Degrees of comparison of bad—
bad, very sick, dead.

In her claim that "old maids"
carry on the work of the world, the
whereas bachelors get crocheted
ed to fill the order so the 161 foxes
and narrower as they advance in
could have a little peace and
years, Lady Astor, of course, was
arrive at their destination whole.

And because she has a keen sense
of humour, her sentiments must
not be subjected to a too close
scrutiny, even if she was making
her remarks as the presiding
officer at the final session of the
social insurance conference in
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He is the one thing making
matrimony possible. If married
women look at a bachelor they
get a little more reconciled to their
own husbands."

Among several other things what
this Colony needs is a golf ball
with a sense of direction.

Uncle Sam's exports to Mexico,
we learn, show a healthy increase
of \$15,000,000, the exact number
of cases of cartridges, however, not
being stated.

Somebody wants to know when
the women will get men's wages.
Men might retort they have been
getting them all the time.

An advertisement for a baby's
feeding bottle gravely states:—
"When the baby is done drinking
it must be uncrowded and laid in
a cool place under a tap. If the
baby does not thrive on fresh milk
it must be boiled."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle admits
the "mistake of his life." "At one
theatre where Sherlock Holmes was
being played, a boy, in the role of
page attracted my attention," Sir
Arthur recently said in an address
before the Savage Club. "I should
have made a fortune if I had said
to that boy 'We will go half and
half on whatever we make for all
the rest of our lives.'" The boy
was Charlie Chaplin.

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steamer Rotterdam for three pounds
of flea powder, to be used for the
benefit of a cargo of silver foxes,
brought about a famine at Ply-
mouth in this necessary drug,
the whole town had to be search-
ed to fill the order so the 161 foxes
and narrower as they advance in
could have a little peace and
years, Lady Astor, of course, was
arrive at their destination whole.

FANLING MOTOR COLLISION.**MR. P. C. POTTS AS COMPLAINANT.**

Appearing as complainant in a traffic summons brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. P. C. Potts gave details of a motor smash in which his car was involved with another car, on the Fanling Road, on the 29th of last month. The driver of the latter car, which is owned by Mr. Lo Yulin, was charged with not keeping as closely as was possible to his own side of the road while rounding a corner of the road, and also with driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Potts said that the accident happened at 5 p.m. while he was being driven in his own car from Fanling. At a corner not far from the Fanling Station, he met the other car, which, on rounding the corner, was in the middle of the road, leaving his own car very little room to pass by. There was in fact, a collision, resulting in damage being done to his own car to the extent of \$70.

Mr. Potts went on to give details of the width of the road, and the respective position of the two cars at the moment of the collision. Owing to the language difficulty, they were unable to understand each other, but Mr. Potts said it appeared to him that the defendant was making out that he (Mr. Potts) was in the wrong. As Mr. Potts was still enabled to drive the car in spite of a bent axle, he proceeded to Sheungshui Police Station where the aid of Sergeant Carrill was secured. A plan was prepared of the scene of the accident, and in the witness box the officer gave evidence substantiating Mr. Potts' statement as regarded the width of the road and the position of the two cars.

Defendant said that he sounded his horn (a statement denied by Mr. Potts), and did actually keep as close as possible to his own side of the road.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on each of the two charges. As regards the matter of compensation for the damage done to Mr. Potts' car, his Worship allowed this to stand over for one week to enable the defendant to consult his employer.

ANGLO-TURKISH QUESTIONS.**INTERFERENCE WITH ENGLISH SCHOOL.**

Rugby, March 8. Mr. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons, that no further communications had passed between the British and Turkish Governments for a peaceful settlement of the Mosul frontier question since the return of Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, from Ankara on 28th February. The British Government were carefully considering the instructions to be given to Sir Ronald Lindsay, and it had been decided that the Ambassador should return to this country for consultation.

Mr. Locker Lampson said that meanwhile Sir Ronald Lindsay is paying another visit to Ankara in order to take up the case of Turkish action against the English High School for Girls in Constantinople and also certain other cases in violation of the Lausanne Treaty. He confirmed that Turkish officials had threatened to close the school unless a Turkish officer were installed as Turkish teacher and that the school authorities had refused to admit this officer on the ground of his intoxication. Turkish interference had taken the form of forcing unqualified Turkish teachers on schools and insisting on a disproportionate amount of the school time being given to the teaching of Turkish.—*British Wireless.*

Geneva, March 8.

No progress was made to-day towards agreement on the question of enlarging the League Council, although there was much fruitless discussion.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

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IRELAND BEATS FRANCE.

The annual Rugby match between Ireland and France at Belfast resulted in a win for the former by 11 points to nil. Picture shows Graule (France) passing the ball as he is tackled by an opponent.



A Mrs. T. E. Pearce leading in King of Troy (Mr. Haimovitch up) winner of Grand Stand Stakes. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.**DEFICIT OF \$148,000.**

Two creditors' petitions were heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at a Bankruptcy Court this morning, in respect of Chinese firms, who had ordered goods, but had not paid for them or accepted delivery.

The debtors in the first case were the partners of the Kwong Luen Hing firm, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for the firm of Messrs. J. D. Hutchison, the petitioning creditors. Mr. Jones said the debtors were leaders in piece goods, carrying on business at 37 Jervois Street, and the petition was presented on February 6th, when the Official Receiver was appointed interim receiver. The claim was for \$78,546.67, being amounts due under various contracts for the sale of piece goods. Against that, the petitioning creditor still had goods, the subjects of the contract, on their hands, and the present value of them had been estimated at \$50,000. He believed the total claims with other firms were in the region of \$480,000. The other creditors were still holding goods against the contract, and the present market value of the goods had been estimated at about \$320,000. There were also goods on the premises which had been valued at \$12,000. The total liabilities were \$480,000, and the total assets, including those in the hands of the creditors, were \$332,000, leaving a deficit of \$148,000.

The Official Receiver said it seemed to him that the position was dependent on the piece goods market.

Mr. Jones said if there was an improvement in the piece goods market, it would increase the value of the assets.

A short discussion ensued as to the meaning of "substantial assets," and his Lordship, while not deciding thought it meant there should be substantial assets, and not assets that would enable a substantial sum to be paid the creditors.

Evidence was given by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, a partner in the firm of Messrs. J. D. Hutchison and Co., who said the debtor firm owed them \$78,546.67, in respect of various piece goods contracts. The delivery of the goods was overdue. The compradore in the same Company also gave evidence, and his Lordship granted a receiving order.

CREDITORS REMOVED.

The Ling Loong firm were the debtors in the second case, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for the petitioning creditor, Messrs. L. R. Loxley and Co.

Mr. Jones said the case was similar to the previous one. The debtors carried on a piece goods business at 4, Wing On Street. The petitioning creditor claimed \$52,670.89. They had goods in their hands worth \$17,000, leaving a balance unsecured of \$35,670.89. There were goods on the premises of the debtors which had originally been valued at between four and five thousand dollars, but the value had since come to the opinion that the value of them was between six and seven thousand.

The petition was presented on the grounds that the managing partner had absconded, and the firm was unable to pay its debts. On February 11th, an interim receiving order was made.

The compradore of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co. gave evidence. He said at a meeting of the creditors, none of the debtor partners were present and goods were packed up, but he denied, in answer to the Official Receiver, that he superintended the packing.

An argument arose at this point, when Sir Henry Gollan expressed the opinion that it was a most improper procedure. He remarked that the creditors had no right to take on themselves duties which eventually devolved on the Official Receiver. It seemed to him that the creditors swooped down on the business, and took control of the whole situation.

Mr. Jones did not think that as some of the debtors' foks were present. The petition was dismissed.

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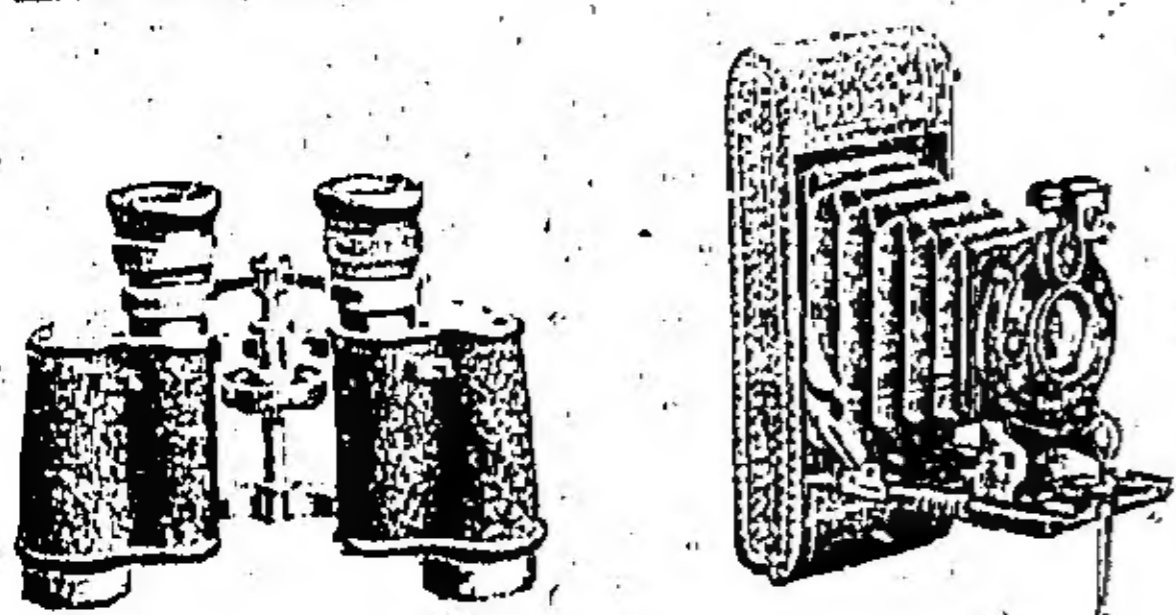


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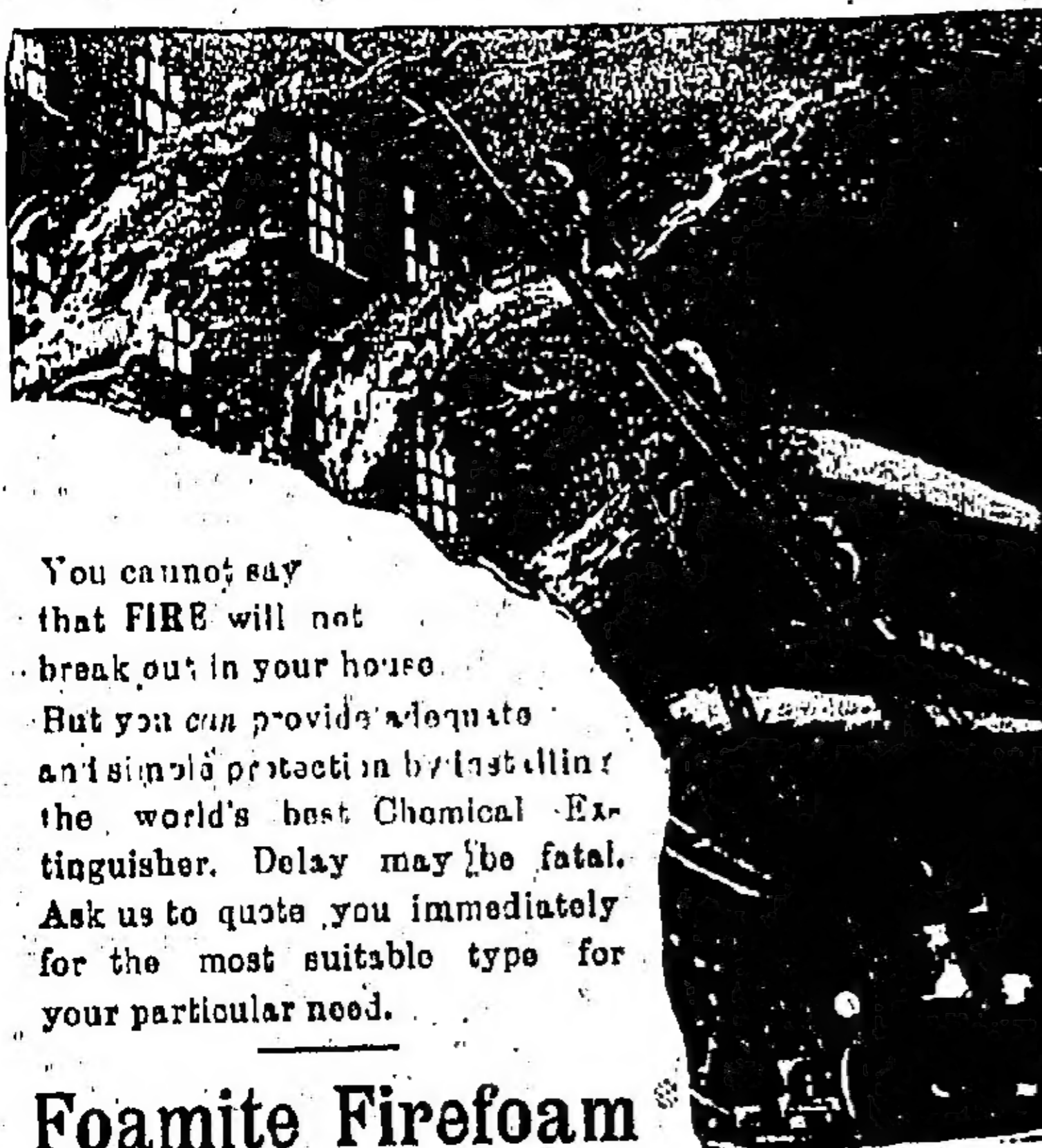
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THE WING ON CASE.

END OF THE LENGTHY CROSS EXAMINATION.

Chief Cashier Called.

The hearing of the Wing On case was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell. A former witness, an employee in the Naval Yard, and formerly an assistant in a printing shop in Canton, was recalled to be cross examined by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton who appears for one of the two defendants.

Mr. Elsie Zetlyn continued his cross examination of the assistant cashier, and this was completed yesterday afternoon. He had been cross examined for a period of over four hours extending over three afternoons.

He was closely questioned about the other assistant cashier who was introduced into the banking department, particularly with reference to his illness and death.

In reply to Mr. Hall Brutton, witness said he knew nothing about another deposit in the name of Tai On being wrongfully withdrawn.

The principal cashier was then called, and gave details of banking department procedure. Questioned about the deposit books he said that his signature appeared in the forged book but it was not in his writing. The signatures in the other deposit book were his.

He also gave details of the deposit books issued in 1923 which had not been surrendered.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

STREET FRACAS.

FIGHTING BETWEEN INDIANS AND CHINESE.

One Man Injured.

A fracas occurred between Indians and Chinese in Star Street, Wanchai, yesterday afternoon, and as a result a Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from an injury to the head.

It appears that the trouble arose when an Indian watchman remonstrated with a Chinese boy, and scolded him, for throwing rice. Some Chinese in the street resented the Indian's attitude, and a fracas developed.

Two or three Indians and a party of Chinese were involved, and in the struggle one of the Chinese was struck on the head. Stones were thrown before the fight was stopped.

It was alleged that the Chinese was struck on the head by some instrument, but it seems likely that his wound was caused by a flying stone.

PEKING CABINET.

NOMINEES FAIL TO ACCEPT.

Peking, March 8.
The week-end has not improved the Cabinet situation.

Messrs. W. W. Yen, Yang Wen-kai, Ma Chun-wu and Tu Hsi-kuei have all failed to accept portfolios.—Reuter.

DOSSER CASE RECALLED.

FORTUNATOFF'S FUND CONFISCATED.

\$10,000 Found on Soviet Doctor.

The \$10,000 found on Eugene Fortunatoff at the time of his arrest last July on a charge of attempting to bribe B.C.C. Kedrovsky, was last week ordered to be confiscated by the Shanghai Mixed Court authorities.

Mr. E. T. Maitland appeared before Assessor Whitmore and Magistrate Zau and made an application on behalf of the police for the confiscation of the money, which it was alleged was for the purpose of bribing the officer.

Mr. Maitland stated that the accused was arrested with the bribe money in his possession and was granted bail when he appeared before the court in the sum of \$10,000. He absconded and the bail money was forfeited. The bribe money was placed in a sealed envelope and is now in the Finance Department and he asked for its confiscation, as the accused had not appeared for the past six months.

The order was granted.

There are persistent rumours that Sir Charles Eliot will be requested to return to China as a sort of a High Commissioner to China. What amount of truth there is in this report cannot be ascertained, as officials are very reticent. His association with the Hongkong University, his knowledge of Chinese and the very smooth manner in which he has been able to pull along with the Japanese are perhaps the basis of the rumours that Sir Charles will return to the Extreme Orient—not to Japan but to China.

SHANGHAI BATTLE.

KIDNAPPING GANG RUN TO EARTH.

Victims Rescued.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 8.

A small army of Chinese soldiers and police, accompanied by several Settlement foreign detectives, engaged in a pitched battle, lasting for hours, firing hundreds of shots, in rounding up a kidnapping band which a month ago kidnapped the compradore of Jardine's cotton mill at Yangtzepoo, also carrying off his chauffeur.

Disclosures by suspects who were arrested yesterday located the headquarters of the gang in a house in Chinese territory.

After hours of firing, three of the kidnappers were killed, whilst two escaped.

Four women were arrested; and the compradore and his chauffeur were rescued.

The forthcoming jubilee celebrations of the American Library Association have raised a question as to the oldest existing circulating library in the States. The honour seems to belong to the Library Company of Philadelphia, founded, chiefly through the efforts of Benjamin Franklin, in 1731, and still flourishing as a kind of transatlantic equivalent of the London Library. Franklin acted as librarian for a while, and afterwards was the library's buying agent in London from 1760 till 1775. The collection now totals over a quarter of a million volumes.

PROPERTY SALE.

DES VOEUX ROAD LOT AT GOOD PRICE.

The Tai Yau Company Site.

A property situated in Des Voeux Road Central fetched a good price at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, when put up by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza although there were few potential buyers present and the sale closed with only ten bids received.

The property consisted of the remaining portions of Inland Lots Nos. 1250 and 1257, with the buildings thereon known as 244 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central, premises at present in the occupancy of the Tai Yau Company, Limited. Containing a total area of 1,582 square feet and held under leases for the term of 999 years, the proportion of Crown Rent payable is \$27.50 per annum.

Opening at \$115,000 with bids of \$800 acceptable, the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Ho Sui-ping and Say-hing at \$120,000.

All the best-dressed women appear to be wearing silver kid evening shoes at present. Lady Louis Mountbatten is among those who have helped to popularise this fashion. In Paris, however, the latest fad is for women to have their monograms in paste or diamonds on the toes of their dance slippers, the latter being generally of plain black satin.

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ENGLISH CUP.

DRAW FOR SEMI-FINAL.

London, March 8.
The Association Cup draw for the semi-finals to be played on March 27th resulted as follows:
Manchester City versus Manchester United, at Bramall Lane, Sheffield.
Swansea versus Notts Forest or Bolton, at Tottenham.—*Reuter*.

LEAGUE RESULT.

In the second division Clapton Orient and Blackpool drew two goals all.—*Reuter*.

FANLING HUNT.

POINT-TO-POINT RACE SUGGESTED.

It has been suggested that a Point-to-Point Race should be held on Sunday, starting from behind Mr. Pott's bungalow, at Fan Ling, at 11 a.m. The course would be over typical hunting country, and the distance about four or five miles. If sufficient entries are forthcoming, two courses will be run, a heavy weight (165 lbs), and a light-weight (150 lbs), but otherwise there will only be one race. A sweep of \$2 each pony will be divided between the first heavy-weight, and the first light-weight pony. The object of Sunday's race will be experimental, to work out courses for pukka Point-to-Point races, which it is hoped to hold in future during hunting seasons.

Intending competitors are asked to send their names into Dr. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Buildings, before Friday, so that the joint masters can decide whether sufficient support is forthcoming to run on Sunday next.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S TOURNAMENT GAMES.

Several more matches in the Hongkong C. C. Club tournament were played off yesterday. In a Club singles match, A. H. Crook showed that advancing years do not affect his game much, and he played some delightful shots in beating T. D. E. Pendered by three sets to one.

The brothers Lo were seen in a doubles match, and won with ease in three straight sets.

G. W. Sewell and F. A. Redmond had a struggle in their open singles match. Sewell took the first two sets for the loss of eight games, and then lost the next after eleven all had been called. However, he took the fourth and the match.

The scores were as follows:

Open Singles, G. W. Sewell beat F. A. Redmond 6-4, 6-4, 11-13, and 6-1; W. B. Stevenson beat S. A. Hussain 6-1, 6-3 and 6-3.

Club singles, A. H. Crook beat T. D. E. Pendered 5-7, 6-0 6-3 and 6-2.

Open Doubles, M. K. and M. W. Lo beat G. and J. Rodger 6-3, 6-1 and 6-3.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY MATCH.

The following will be the teams in the match between Dr. Ponsonby Fane's Educational XI against the University "Phoenixes" tomorrow, at 2 p.m., on the University ground:

Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI.—Dr. F. Ponsonby Fane (Capt.), A. E. Wood, A. S. Hett, P. J. de Rome, Prof. F. A. Redmond, W. M. Gittins, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, T. J. Price, T. E. Yeoh, Dr. D. K. Samy and J. L. Youngs.

University "Phoenixes"—A. A. Rumbold (Capt.), H. N. Balhetch, B. P. Ng, C. W. Lam, S. O. Shahabuddin, D. Laing, S. Hachima, E. Zimmern, B. N. Sudan, H. Y. Leong and S. V. Gittins.

HOCKEY.

MATCH CANCELLED.

The match arranged between the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI and Submarine Flotilla "A" for this afternoon has been cancelled.

SHARE PRICES.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,030 b.
Chartered, \$218 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$30 b.
Mercantile C., \$132 b.
P. and O., \$91 n.
East Asia, \$77 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$600 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.75 b.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$280 b.
Yangtze, \$44 b.

Fire Ins.
China Firs., \$165 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$544 sa.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$30 n.
Steamboats, \$234 b.
Tugs, \$21 b.
Indo-China, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., 90/3 n.
Star Ferries, \$624 b.
Waterboats, \$15 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$27 b.
Malabons, \$39 n.

Mining.
Bonguets, \$150 n.
Kallans, 42/6 b.
Langkats, Tls. 23 b.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.00 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Raub, \$5.00 b.
Tromps, 55/- b.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$60 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 165 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 944 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.75 b.
H.K. Lands, \$634 b.
Realty, \$5 s.
Territorials, \$54 s.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$120 s.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.
Ewos, Tls. 9.25 b.
Oriental, Tls. 3 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$12 sa.
Canton Ice, \$74 n.
Cements, \$161 b.
China Buses, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$21 b.
China Prov., \$8.25 b.
Constructions, \$3 s.
Dairy Farms, \$18 b.
Der A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electric, \$61 b.
Macao Electric, \$40 n.
Developments, 25 cents, n.
Ropes, \$35 s.
Tramways, \$25 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$11 s.
Mackintosh, \$211 n.
Peak Trams, \$164 b.
Sinceres, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$4 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons (Old), \$12 s.
Watsons (New), \$12 s.
Powells, \$10 n.
Telephones, \$34 b.

HOURS OF LABOUR.

FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

Rugby, March 8.
The Ministry of Labour in London has now received answers from Germany, Belgium, France and Italy about the meeting of the Conference to which they have been invited by the British Government. They all accept the date suggested and the Conference will therefore open in London on March 15th.
The agenda is to be restricted to consideration of a Convention for the adoption of standard hours of labour in the five countries. The Washington Convention, providing for a forty-eight hour week, has not been ratified by any of those Powers except Italy, and Italy's ratification was made contingent on ratification by others. There is therefore, in effect, no Italian ratification. One of the reasons for the general refusal to ratify the Washington Convention is that its provisions are in some important respects so vague that widely conflicting interpretations are given to them.

When the London Conference meets on March 15th, an attempt will be made, first of all, to agree on a common interpretation of the Washington Convention. If such an agreement is reached, the Conference will then discuss whether the five nations are now prepared to put into effect the forty-eight hour week. It is understood that the British Government is in favour of that policy.—*British Wireless*.

LATE ITEMS.

NEWS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, 12th February.—The Cologne correspondent of the Times states that Dr. Zetz Freiburg of the Cologne University claims that he has discovered in the Witch's Valley in the Black Forest the habitation of prehistoric man flourishing 25,000 to 30,000 years ago. Researches in the same neighbourhood have unearthed bones dating from the ice age and large quantities of prehistoric flint implements.

THE TEST MATCHES.
London, 19th February.—The new Wisden's Almanac administrators a warning to the English optimists in the forthcoming Tests on the misfortunes in the luck of the toss and the small margins in the last series of matches. Their optimism may be rudely shocked, mainly owing to the Australian's batting solidity. The three factors in favour of England will be that they are playing their natural three-day game, using the six-ball over and Tate will be better supported. Mischief may result unless the selectors use sound judgment with courage and stick to their opinions, even if any of the men momentarily fail. The team must be better managed than in 1921, when a professional player wandered the streets of Nottingham late at night on the eve of a match, seeking a bed. The suggestion to suspend county cricket makes the Tests too much of a fetish.

BULGARIA'S GOODWILL.
London, 16th February.—The Times Berlin correspondent says the League has been informed that Bulgaria as a proof of goodwill has agreed to accept half the Greek indemnity due under the League's decision of the 15th December. The remainder is promised on the 15th March.

FIGHTING CANCER.
London, 16th February.—The Times Berlin correspondent says that Josef Schumacher claims that by using new staining methods he has isolated the cancer bacillus, present in enormous quantities, making one-tenth of the cancerous tissues. It is never present in healthy tissue but the great mass found in the dividing line between the diseased and the normal tissue advances into the healthy tissue like a wall. He has not yet made cultures.

London, Feb. 11.—The crying need for working class houses in Scotland and the most acceptable method of coping with the problem was discussed in the House of Commons when the supplementary estimates for the erection of two thousand steel sections came up. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, although he criticised them, said his party had come to the conclusion that it must vote in favour of the erection of the houses on economical grounds. The Secretary of Scotland estimated that there was a shortage of 150,000 houses and he declared that it had been indisputably proved that the occupants of these steel houses found them in every way satisfactory. A striking speech in favour of the proposals by the Labour member, Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, evoked vigorous Labour dissent, while Mr. Maxton emphasised the Labour difference, declaring his intention to vote against the estimates.

PICTURES THAT TALK.

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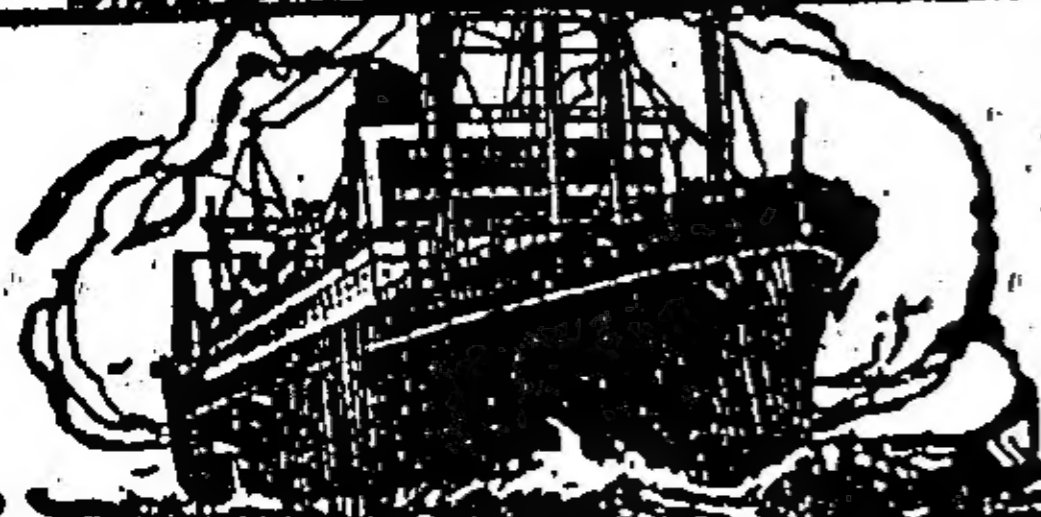
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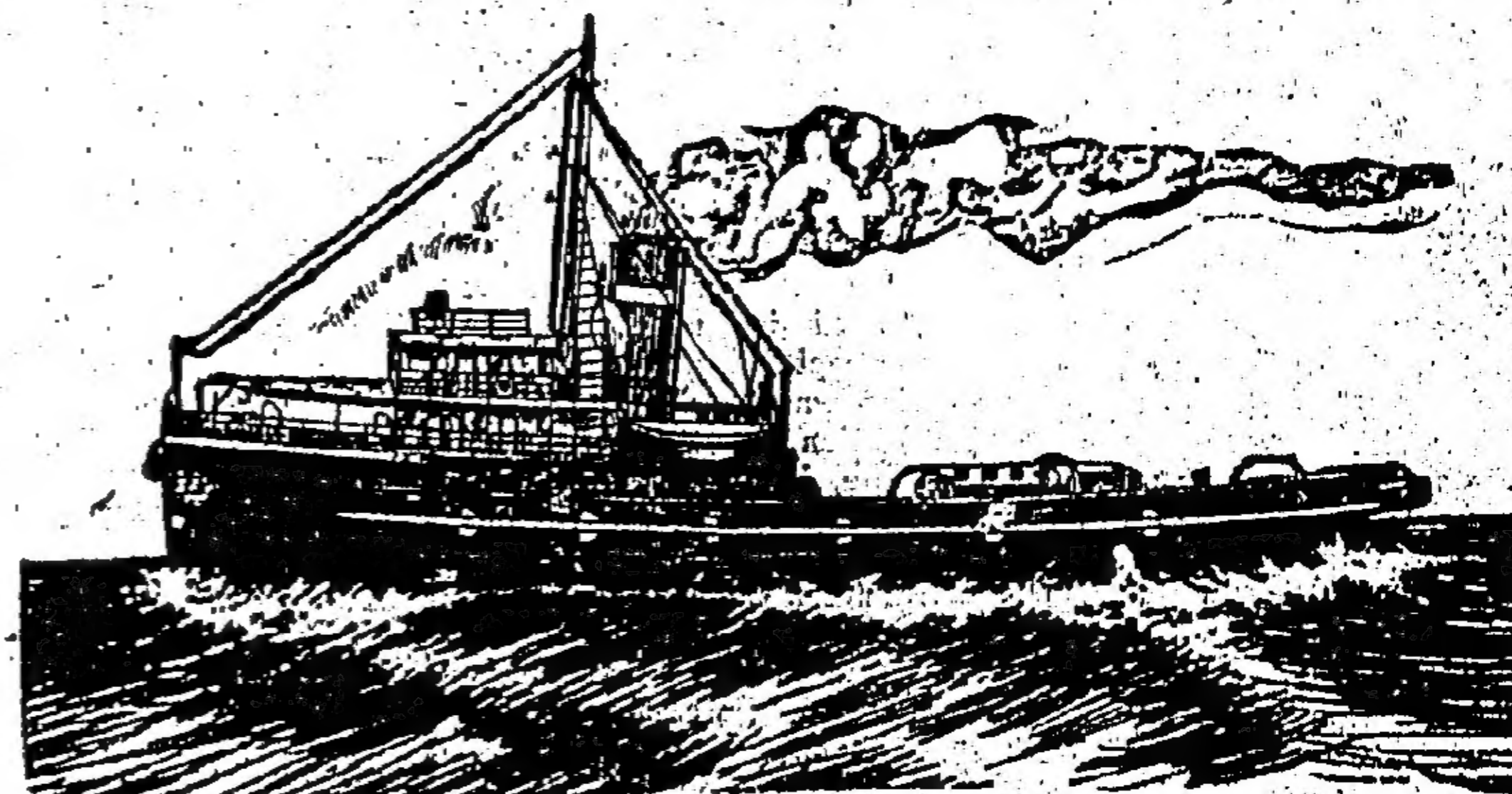
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SALVATION ARMY.

MAY EXTEND TO SOUTH
CHINA.

London, March 8.

The seventieth anniversary of the birthday of General Booth was celebrated by an enthusiastic Salvation Army demonstration at the Albert Hall. Delegates from all parts of the world gave a great ovation to General Booth, while telegrams and letters of congratulation were received from all climes. Offerings from the Empire and other countries totalled £165,000.

Messages of congratulation were read, including one from the King and another from the Viceroy of India, the latter paying a tribute to the good work of the Salvation Army in ameliorating the conditions of life among criminal tribes and social service among the depressed and backward classes.

General Booth, in an address, outlined a scheme of Salvation Army progress for the next seven years. This will include establishment work by the Army in seven new countries, probably including North Rhodesia, South China and Portuguese Africa and the reopening of the work of the Army in Russia. It will also aim at the raising of a thousand new missionary officers each for heathendom, the United Kingdom and Europe; also the training of fourteen thousand new officers and the raising of £500,000 to extend the work in London, which General Booth said he feared would soon be almost a heathen city.—*Reader.*

POLICE OFFERED BRIBE.

INGENIOUS ARGUMENTS
FAIL IN COURT.

The appearance of a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsay, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of unlawful possession was productive of an amusing incident.

Unable to give a satisfactory explanation as to how he came into possession of a quantity of medicinal roots, when stopped by a lunkong in Centre Street yesterday, the defendant had also to answer to a second charge of attempting to win over the policeman with a bribe. In this connection it was stated by the witness that a roll of \$5 in coins was offered to him, which he very properly refused to accept.

The defendant asked how it could be believed against him that he offered a bribe when he had not a cent in his pocket.

There was just a suspicion entertained by the police that the money was offered by a second man. He was thought to be the same man who followed the defendant to the Police Station and bailed him out with \$50.

The unknown benefactor was called from the body of the Court where he had been an interested witness of the proceedings.

On being questioned by the Magistrate, he admitted to having put up the bail for the defendant, explaining his interest in the case to be due to the fact that he was the defendant's elder brother.

There was not the least resemblance between the two men to confirm this declaration, and his Worship also remarked that it was curious that they did not respond to the same surname—the one being Mok and the other Yuen.

The witness' ability as a quick-thinker rose splendidly to the occasion. "My brother," he said, "was given away in childhood and he naturally assumed the name of the family which adopted him."

Whatever views the Magistrate might have held in regard to this statement were not expressed, but his Worship convicted the defendant on both charges. For unlawful possession a fine of \$25, or two weeks was inflicted, and for offering the bribe, defendant was further mulcted in a fine of \$100, or six weeks. The sum offered as bribe was ordered to be confiscated.

HOUSING NEEDS.

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In the direction of better housing. The merchant who has been content with a shop-house finds himself able to afford a car and looks further ahead for a compound house; the clerk who has lodged in somebody else's house while times were bad moves into a shop-house; and so it goes on. Thus there is a great demand for all types of houses at present, and to some extent it is being met, one Arab millionaire in Singapore having placed contracts for a million dollars worth of shop-houses this year.

But practically nothing is being done for the European community. A few of the larger firms are building their own houses, but it is a very difficult matter to get a house of any sort, let alone one of the type required. Moreover, under present conditions it is very difficult for the average European resident to build his own home. Not one in five hundred persons understands the inner workings of the building trade, and without that knowledge one is at the mercy of the Asiatic contractor. Even when the tenders are called for by professional architects, the contractor makes more or less what profit he pleases, partly because the architect is paid on a percentage basis and is not particularly interested in keeping down the cost of the work, and partly because he himself is not able to strike a sufficiently hard bargain with the wily gentlemen who put in the tenders. But the speculative builder who has usually been born and bred in Singapore, who makes a business of real estate, and who knows local conditions in the building trade so thoroughly that he can handle his contractor with confidence and authority, can build the small type of bungalow at a price which will permit of an economic rent, and once he realises how keen is the demand for that type he will set about satisfying it with equal benefit to himself and to the residents who are at present enduring the discomforts of flats and hotels.

"QUAINTS" COMPANY.

TWO BIG SUCCESSES
PROMISED.

The plan of seats for "The Quaints" Musical Company's brief season here is now open at Moutrie's, and big audiences are expected at the Star Theatre.

"The Sport of Kings" by Ian Hay, will be played on Monday, 19th instant, at 9.15 p.m. All lovers of sport should make a point of seeing this great sporting comedy.

On the 20th and 21st "No, No, Nanette," the big London success, is to be staged. This should prove the greatest musical attraction seen here for many years. The success of this play has been phenomenal at the Palace Theatre, London, where it still continues to draw huge crowds, booking being full up as far ahead as June. To meet the enormous demand for seats, "The Quaints" had to arrange special matinees in Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon and Singapore. Hongkong is expected to give "Nanette" a great reception, and early booking is advisable in view of the probability of a rush for seats.

RURER ISSUES.

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The wealthy Chinese proprietary planters are replacing them with the more docile South Indian, who is, however, almost as expensive. Everywhere one hears complaints of crimping of coolies, but the problem is a difficult one to tackle, since it is easy enough for a coolie to leave his own estate and present himself at another ten miles away with the story that his last billet was at the other end of the peninsula. Still, it seems pretty certain that some estates, which are not recruiting from India, on only a very small scale, are not examining too closely the previous history of coolies who apply for employment. Planting opinion is strongly against this practice of crimping labour, and a veteran planter, speaking at Malacca the other day, recalled the statement of Sir Frank Swettenham that in the early days of rubber planting Malaya was fortunate in having as fine and honourable body of men as could be desired in the planters who came over from Ceylon, while an old Ceylon planter, referring to crimping at a company meeting in London recently, bluntly said that in his day a planter in Ceylon would have thought it as dishonourable to steal his neighbour's coolies as his neighbour's wife. All of which prompts the disturbing question of whether the morals of the planting profession has purged itself of the early days.



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